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McGARAHAN—NEW-IDRIA.

Opinions of the Decision of the Secretary of the Interior—Both Claims Virtually Rejected.

Special Dispatch to the New-York Times.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 2.—The McGARAHAN case was finally and fully disposed of, so far as the Interior Department was concerned, today. As will be seen by the official statement of the decision, neither McGARAHAN nor the New-Idria Company is adjudged to have a valid claim. Both parties now stand in just the same relation to the lands in dispute as does every other individual in the United States. Under the existing laws regulating mineral lands, each party can go on and secure as much as the law will allow to one person, acting within that law, since all the lands, according to the decision, belong to the United States, to be disposed of just as though no claims had ever been made for them. Secretary DELANO, in taking up the case, approached it as though it were a new one, whose merits had never been discussed, and it was a new case to him, as he had never previously examined it, or been associated with it in any way. His first step was to put each case upon its own ground, with a view to decide between the Government and each party, instead of between the two parties. He had a complete history of each case made up, embodying every fact concerning either which could be obtained. The investigation was the most thorough ever made of the case, and new and material evidence was discovered, and it is quite clear that the Government had as much, if not far more right to these valuable mineral lands than either of the claimants. The decision is no bar to either party hereafter going before Congress, and, in all probability, the fight will be renewed there. But this decision will introduce an element in the discussion not before much considered, and the same evidence which has determined the case now, will have a chance to be examined by Congress, which will have to take the responsibility of a decision against the Government in favor of either party, if one is ever made.

From the Associated Press.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Aug. 2.—By the appended syllabus of the decision of the Secretary of the Interior, rendered today, in the McGarahan case, it will be seen that the claims of both McGARAHAN and the New-Idria Company are rejected, and the property in dispute virtually reverts to the United States. This is understood to be a final disposition of the case under existing legislation, unless the New-Idria Company may be allowed to go on and perfect their proof as to so much of the property claimed as they may be rightfully entitled to under existing laws touching mineral lands.

In re McGARAHAN.—This was an application by McGARAHAN to the Secretary of the Interior, requesting him to advise the President to direct that the certificate which had been written across the face of the original United patent (Pancho Grande, by order of Secretary COX, to the effect that the patent had never been executed, should be erased and cancelled. The Secretary held in accordance with the advice of Assistant Attorney-General SMITH, that the Secretary of the Interior had power to recall any patent at any time before its delivery, so as to make it correspond with the facts; that the Secretary need not have personal knowledge of the facts, but might depend upon the statements and evidence of his trusted subordinates; that this power of correction extended to transactions of the previous Secretary, and that this power was not limited to cases of fraud, but extended into office provided they were then incomplete. That Secretary COX, having acted upon the subject, it was *res adjudicata*, and should not be reviewed as reversed even though he should differ with his predecessor, but that in fact he did not differ with him. That the weight of evidence was that the patent for Pancho Grande was never executed by Secretary COX, and therefore he was obliged to decline to grant the prayer of McGARAHAN.

In re New-Idria Mining Company.—The Secretary of the Interior, on the advice of Assistant Attorney-General SMITH, held that the application of this Company for a patent for 400 acres covering the New-Idria Quicksilver Mines, was irregular and defective, and should not be granted for the following reasons: It appeared that the SURVEY had been made and approved, and the papers forwarded to the Commissioner of the General Land Office at the instigation of the company and acting under express orders of the Interior Department, that Department having directed that all proceedings be stayed in accordance with a joint resolution that passed the House of Representatives April 1, 1867. There was no proof that the notice and diagram were such as were required by law. The application and advertisement did not describe their location by the claims that had been assigned to the company. There was no proof that the members who composed the New Idria Company, or any of those who had assigned to them, were citizens of the United States or persons who had declared their intention to become such. The only evidence on this point was a certificate that they were a corporation, created under the laws of California, and that was held to be insufficient proof. The application asked for a patent of 130 acres, being a tract of 720 rods long and 130 wide. The Secretary held that this could not be done, and that could be granted under section four of the act of May 10, 1872, which limited the grant to any association of persons to "not more than 300 feet."

BOYLSTON BANK ROBBERY.

Trial of William A. Glover—Testimony of an Accomplice—Personal History of a Speculator.

BOSTON, Mass., Aug. 2.—At the trial today of WILLIAM A. GLOVER, for connection with the Boylston Bank robbery, THOMAS E. PRATT testified in substance that he was with the firm of WILLIAM E. GRAY & SON, bankers, in New-York, in 1869; that he visited Boston with GLOVER shortly before the robbery, and in passing Boylston Bank GLOVER said to him, "That bank will smash hell pretty soon; I'm the boy who knows what is going on; there will be lively times around there one of these mornings." Witness and GLOVER soon after returned to New-York together, leaving a person known as DICK BROKER in Boston. PRATT continued his testimony as follows:

On the following Thursday I received $10,000 in bonds, marked "Boylston Bank." I saw GRAY the next day, and he agreed to take the bonds as soon as he could get the money; between $60,000 and $65,000 of these bonds were afterwards delivered to me for GRAY by either GLOVER or DICK BROKER before Dec. 30; they were brought at different times; I do not know how GLOVER got the bonds from BROKER, but I know that they made appointments to meet in various parts of the city at different times; I have seen BROKER hand GLOVER packages sometimes, and those same packages have been handed to me, and I have found always that they contained stolen bonds.

In the cross-examination, PRATT gave the following bit of personal history: In 1864, I went to Washington to accept a position in the Auditor's Office of the Treasury Department, and after being there about three years I left for New-York, to go into the speculating business in Wall-street, as I thought I could do a great deal better there; at that time I had about $7,000 or $8,000 capital; my speculations were confined to gold and Government bonds; a short time before I left my situation in Washington, I resigned to Chicago and speculated in grain there, and only left there because my leave of absence had expired; GRAY engaged me as his confidential clerk, and I attended to his private business, such as the buying of stolen bonds; this was in 1869; I was never in business with GRAY; he gave me $2,000 a year and what profit he made on $25,000 that I invested in the speculation; the first business I performed for Mr. GRAY was to go between him and stolen bond-dealers, some of whom I knew through a man named BRATTON; I fully understood when I engaged myself what my duties were to be; I had no commission from GRAY on stolen bonds; the only commission I ever received on this kind of property was from GLOVER.

KENTUCKY'S WAR ACCOUNT.

Decision of the Secretary of the Treasury—He has no Authority to Pay the Claim.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 2.—Secretary BOUTWELL today issued the following opinion in the matter of the claim of the State of Kentucky for reimbursement of the sum of $235,288 72, paid to the State militia for services rendered during the years 1864, 1864, 1865, and 1866.

TREASURY DEPARTMENT,
WASHINGTON, Aug. 2, 1871.

The claim was filed in 1866, and it is made under the provisions of an act to indemnify the States for expenses incurred by them in defense of the United States, approved July 27, 1861. Secretary CHASE when providing for the execution of this act, prescribed a series of rules, the second of which is in these words: It is only for expenditures on account of troops, officers or men, that have been or may be mustered and received into or actually employed in the service of the United States, that reimbursements will be made. Organizations raised or attempted to be raised but not mustered and received into or actually employed in this service, will not be recognized by any reimbursement to the States by the United States of expenses incurred in organizing, equipping and maintaining troops for State purposes, or home guards, whether called out by the State or other local authority, unless such troops were called out and such expenditure incurred, at the request, or under the authority of the President or Secretary of War. It is not contended that the troops, for whom reimbursement is asked, were ever mustered into the service of the United States, nor is it contended they were called out at the request or under the authority of the President or Secretary of War. Upon these facts the rule quoted is a bar to the claim. It is, however, sought to bring the claim within the rule, and in support of that effort special reference is made to the certificate of Gen. STONEMAN, the communications of Gen. VINCENT, and the approval of the Secretary of War. The certificate of Gen. SHERMAN is as follows:

WASHINGTON, D. C., June 30, 1871.

I certify that prior to the beginning of the Atlantic campaign I sent for Gov. BRAMLETTE, of Kentucky, to come to me in Nashville, and in May or April, 1864, revealed to him the plans and purposes of the campaign, and that I expected him as the Executive of Kentucky, to guard and protect our lines of supply, all of which pass through Kentucky, and to repel hostile raids or invasions from the East or West. He expressed his perfect willingness to do so, and on the whole our lines were protected, and our communications never seriously menaced, and therefore he was obliged to decline to grant the prayer of McGARAHAN.

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(Signed,) W. T. SHERMAN, General.

Gen. THOS. VINCENT, Assistant Adjutant-General of the United States Army, in his communication dated 30th June, 1871, after enumerating various documents filed in the case, recommends that the troops be recognized as having been actually employed in the service of the United States, that recognition being deemed necessary by the Treasury Department, in order that the claim may be allowed under the act of July 27, 1861, to indemnify the States for expenses incurred by them in defense of the United States. On the same day the recommendation of Gen. VINCENT is approved without comment by the Secretary of War. The claimants offer as a precedent the order of Secretary STANTON of July 9, 1861, by which he recognized certain troops who had been called into service in Kentucky in 1861. There is, however, a manifest difference between the two cases. The troops whose services were recognized by Secretary STANTON were called into the service of the United States by Gen. NELSON, who was then a Major-General of the United States, commanding under the President and, subject to the directions of the Secretary of War. Upon a well-understood principle it was competent for the Secretary of War or the President to recognize these troops as having been called into the service by proper authority, although neither the President nor Secretary of War knew of the call until after it was made. The order of Secretary STANTON was specific. It met the points at issue and placed the troops called out by Gen. NELSON, within the general rule of Secretary CHASE, before quoted. It is as follows:

WAR DEPARTMENT, July 9, 1861.

It appears from the official reports of Major-Gen. George H. THOMAS, that on the 15th of September, 1861, the Home Guards had been called out by Gen. NELSON, and were then in the actual employment of the United States, and were continued on duty, and were employed by Gen. THOMAS. There appears to be in the War Department no written or official evidence of authority granted by the President or Secretary of War, Gen. CAMERON, to Gen. NELSON, for calling out these troops; but the legal presumption is, under the special circumstances then existing, that proper authority was given. The Department is therefore of opinion, that the Home Guards mentioned were actually employed in the service of the United States, under proper and loyal authority, and should be regarded as such by the accounting officers of the Government.

(Signed,) EDWIN M. STANTON,
Secretary of War.

In the case under consideration the troops were not called into service by authority of the President, or of the Secretary of War, or by any officer of the regular or volunteer Army of the United States; but they were in the service of the State of Kentucky, by State authority, under officers appointed by the State; and as far as is shown by the evidence, they were never attached to the command of any officer of the Army of the United States. It appears, however, to be urged, as stated by Gov. BRAMLETTE and by Gen. LINDSAY, the Adjutant-General of Kentucky, that during the period mentioned the troops acted in concert with the United States forces, and recorded the orders of United States officers. Gen. LINDSAY in his affidavit of July 13, 1870, says the troops referred to were directed in every way to co-operate with United States troops, and to obey and carry out all orders and the instructions given to them by United States officers. A considerable portion of the service for which reimbursement is asked was performed after the surrender of LEE and JOHNSTON, and the mustering out of the troops was by State authority and at various times from the 10th of January, 1865, to the 23d of October of the same year. Adjt.-Gen. LINDSAY says that they were kept in the service until those dates, owing to the unsettled condition of the country and the presence of armed bands of guerrillas, bushwhackers and other outlaws; that the service of said troops was regarded as essential to the peace and safety of the State, and they were mustered out of service as early as it was considered prudent to disband them. The act of July 27, 1861, has received a legislative construction by the act approved July 17, 1862, (12 Stat. page 596,) entitled "An Act to allow and pay the State of Missouri the amount of money expended by said State in the arming and paying of troops employed in the suppression of insurrection against the laws of the United States." In that act provision is made for an allowance to the State of Missouri for all sums of money expended by said State in the arming, equipping, subsisting and paying of troops organized under the ordinances of the Convention of said State, passed during the year 1861, and employed in concert with the Federal authorities in suppressing insurrection against the United States and enforcing the laws thereof. An act approved April 17, 1862, 14th Stat., page 85, entitled An Act to reimburse the State of Missouri for moneys expended for the United States in enrolling, equipping and provisioning the militia forces to aid in suppressing the rebellion, authorizes the Commissioners appointed to ascertain the amount of money expended by the State of Missouri, allowing only for disbursements made and amounts assumed by the State for enrolling, equipping, subsisting and paying such troops as were called into service by the Governor at the request of the United States Department Commander commanding the district in which Missouri may at the time have been included. The statute first referred to proceeds upon the theory that the State troops employed to act in concert with the United States troops could not be paid under the act of July, 1861, and the statute of April 17, 1862, is equivalent to a declaration that the troops called into the service by the Governor, though at the request of the United States Department Commander, could not be remunerated under the act of July 27, 1861. The propriety and legality of the rule made by Secretary CHASE has thus been recognized, and affirmed by subsequent legislation. Gen. HEWITT, agent for the State of Kentucky, in his written argument filed in the case, says: "The Secretary of the Treasury in recognizing the claim must declare in effect that the second rule of Secretary CHASE, as already quoted, is invalid as being contrary to law. Gen. HEWITT, referring to the second rule, uses the language: The Treasury Department could make no rule to limit or restrict the operation of the law by declaring evidence of the performance of other conditions. The second rule adopted under it must be construed by it, and if repugnant to it the law prevails. The first clause of the rule conformed to the law, it authorized the payment of expenditures on account of troops actually employed in the service of the United States, but the clause does not, for nothing in the law requires that the troops should have been called out, and the expenditures incurred at the request or under the authority of the President or Secretary of War.

The Secretary says: I agree that the claim cannot be paid if the second rule referred to is observed by the Secretary of the Treasury, but I do not admit that the rule in question was contrary to law, or that it limited unreasonably the scope of the statute. There are, however, two other sufficient answers to the suggestion—one is that the present Secretary of the Treasury would not be justified in setting aside a rule of his predecessor simply because a requisite is not imperative, and secondly the rules were prepared and made known to the country before any considerable expenses were incurred by the several States and long before the expenses were incurred, which are the basis of the claim under consideration. The State of Kentucky therefore, in common with other States, had knowledge of the rules by which the department would be governed in passing upon such claims as might be presented for the services of troops employed in suppressing the insurrection. These considerations, taken in connection with the fact that Congress on two occasions has given legislative construction to the act of 1861, consistent with the rules then established by Secretary CHASE, leave no ground on which this claim can be paid without the specific authority of Congress. It is also suggested in the argument of Gen. HEWITT, that, inasmuch as the claim has been passed by the accounting officer, the Secretary of the Treasury cannot, in his discretion, in the matter, and that it is his duty to sign the warrant and to allow the payment to be made, whether or not such payment is approved by his own judgment. This theory of the duty of the Secretary of the Treasury cannot be admitted. Every Secretary of the Treasury, as I am informed, has practically assumed it to be his duty to pass upon all claims, as far as they are brought to his notice; and in no instance, in the history of the Government, has this power on the part of the Secretary of the Treasury been waived. Such is my conviction of the necessity for its occasional exercise, that I shall not do nothing calculated to impair the authority of the Department in this particular. The Acting Secretary of the Treasury, Mr. HARTLEY, signed the warrant, on June 30, at the urgent request of the agent of the State of Kentucky, for the purpose, as I am informed by Mr. HARTLEY, of giving to the State the benefit of the appropriation, which ceased to be available on the 30th inst., and upon the express understanding, which was, in fact, carried into effect, that the warrant was to be held in the Department subject to the final decision of the Secretary of the Treasury. After careful consideration, I am of opinion that the act of July 31, 1861, does not authorize the Secretary of the Treasury to pay the claim of the State of Kentucky.

(Signed,) GEO. S. BOUTWELL,
Secretary of the Treasury.

THE INDIANS.

Fate of Satanta and Big Tree Still Undecided—Sioux Unfriendliness Denied.

WASHINGTON, August 2.—Indian Agent TATUM, in a letter dated July 21 from the Kiowa Agency, Indian Territory, says: "I have been informed by the Judge of Jacksboro that SATANTA and BIG TREE have been sentenced to be hanged on the 1st of September. He wrote me that he would write to the Governor and request to have the sentence commuted to imprisonment, which he thought would be done. The Kiowa Indians have not come in yet, or made any demonstration that I have heard of. They are camped on the North Fork of Red River, near the mouth of McClellan Creek, in Texas."

A telegram dated Fort Sarasmo, July 20, addressed to the Indian Office, says the Sioux of this post are now more friendly to the whites, or better satisfied with the acts of the Government. The stories in the Press to the contrary are perfectly groundless and absolutely false. Signed by J. W. WAM, Special Indian Agent, and R. W. CRITTENDEN, Fifth Cavalry.

Camp Grant Selected for the Rendezvous of the Apaches—Friendly Disposition of the Sioux.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 3.—VINCENT COLYER has telegraphed to the Secretary of the Interior that he has selected Camp Grant as the place for meeting such of the Apaches as may come in to receive the protection of the Government, and has requested the Secretary to notify the War Department accordingly, so that the latter may telegraph the proper officers, and to direct runners to be sent out to notify the Apaches of the arrangement.

J. A. VIALL, Superintendent of Indians for Montana, under date of Helena, July 17, transmits to the Indian Bureau a copy of a letter of Special Agent SIMMONS, giving particulars of the death of STANDING ELK, Chief of the Band of Santee Sioux, on Milk River. He went to war, courting death, because he was resolved to maintain peace with the whites, and abide faithfully by the terms he had made with the agent. He was unable to control the Santees and some of his own warriors, and to prevent them violating the compact. The Sioux Indians will not leave the Milk River country. They prefer it not only on account of the game, but also on account of its being so remote from a white settlement. They express their sincere desire to remain at peace and to be fed and treated the same as others well disposed are treated by the Government. Their large numbers and the difficulty of communicating with Fort Browning, being sixteen miles from a Post-office, necessitate some prompt and decided action on the part of the Government. In addition to the 2,500 Santees in the immediate vicinity of the Milk River Agency, there are some 500 lodges of Yanctons, Cut Heads and others encamped forty miles below the Agency; and between the mouths of Milk River and Yellowstone, Sitting Bull's tribe of Sioux, supposed to number 1,000 lodges. Supplies to the amount of $15,963 have been sent to Milk River for the Sioux, and Mr. VIALL has given Special Agent SIMMONS instructions to issue them in the most limited and economical manner possible. He deems it of such urgent importance that he requests instructions by telegraph as to what provision is to be made for these Indians, and also recommends that a supply of blankets and other useful articles be furnished them for their benefit the coming Winter. He fully indorses Special Agent SIMMONS' opinion that these Sioux desire to be peaceable and friendly, and will remain so if judiciously managed and cared for by the Department.

Outrages by the Piegans—Canada the Base of Operations.

ST. LOUIS, Aug. 2.—A letter from Fort Benton to the Montana *Herald*, dated July 18, says, an express from Cow Island, under charge of a man named COURTNEY, was attacked by Piegan Indians on July 16, and robbed of all valuables, and what could not be carried of was burned. A few days previous they sacked a post fifty miles below Fort Benton and tore down the stockade to raft themselves across the river. They have stolen every horse at Camp Cook and shot a man named CAHILL. Every place on the river between Benton and Cow Island has been pillaged and destroyed. Their main camp is now across the line on British territory, from which they make incursions upon our settlements. They declare an intention to clean the whites out this Winter. The Sioux are raiding on the Crows, and last week the Crows killed sixteen Sioux on the Upper Judith River. The Gros Ventres have moved up the Marias River. The Crowsnies, Perces and Ventres say the Sioux will conquer their country this Winter, and hence they are anxious to make peace with the Blackfeet and neighboring tribes for their own safety.

Longfellow and Kingfisher to Run Again at Saratoga.

SARATOGA, Aug. 2.—A bet of $10,000 a side, between the owners of *Longfellow* and *Kingfisher*, was made here today, in the four-mile race which takes place at the August meeting, commencing on the 16th. Both horses are in training here and doing well.

THE NATHAN MURDERER

William Forrester Finally Traced to Scotland.

How the Detectives Tracked Him—Their Confidence that They Will Yet Capture Him—His Precise Whereabouts Unknown.

It is now over a year since Mr. BENJAMIN NATHAN was cruelly murdered in his own house, and the recollection of the dire event has well nigh faded from the minds of New-Yorkers, so often and terribly satiated with tales of human suffering. But the silent watchers of wrong-doers and never-tiring searchers for them, have never left the trail of the man who was suspected of having perpetrated the foul deed. From the moment suspicion first lit upon him, until the present, the man has been followed with unrelenting zeal.

Our readers no doubt remember well the first time that the name of WILLIAM FORRESTER was given to them in these columns. Copies of his photograph were sent broadcast through the Union, Canada, and many countries of the Old World. He hid himself out West during last Fall, moving from place to place rapidly, to avoid the sleuth-hounds of the law, who were ever close upon his trail. From town to village, and from village to town, he went, until, like EUGENE SUE'S Wandering Jew, "the sun scarce shone twice upon him in the same province." He had many other crimes to answer for, besides the Nathan murder. ALLAN PINKERTON "wanted him" to serve out an unexpired term of thirteen years' imprisonment in Illinois, and for a murder he had committed before. The dread of confinement for so long a term of years alone was enough to keep him moving ever. At last PINKERTON'S detectives in the North, West and South, aided by the regular scouts of outraged justice got between him and the mountains, plains and other approaches to that haven where outlaws find oblivion—the far West—and gradually closed in around him. The Atlantic coast, except in the neighborhood of the Gulf, was likewise narrowly watched, and his case seemed hopeless.

At last, about seven months ago, almost exhausted and in the depths of abject despair, FORRESTER reached Galveston in disguise, the detectives right on his heels. No time was to be lost. Delay would be fatal. A bold dash alone could save him, and this he made. Leaving his hiding place, he shipped on board a vessel short of hands and bound to Great Britain. She sailed from the harbor just in time to elude the officers of Mr. PINKERTON, and the hunted man made good his escape. For some time after the trail was lost in the waters of the deep, until by one of those secret agencies only known to the professional thief-taker, it was clearly ascertained that the absconded FORRESTER was in Scotland. Here he had been born, and his parents still resided on the old farm, long deserted by the criminal. To its vicinity he was believed to have gone, with what feelings or hope can hardly be imagined. PINKERTON followed, determined to bring him back. His departure was announced about six months ago, when it was said that Mr. ALLEN PINKERTON, chief of the Detective Bureau bearing his name, had gone to seek health among the heather upon his native hills in Scotland. The health he sought was that of justice, which would have been greatly benefited by the capture of the notorious FORRESTER. But he has returned, after his long search, unsuccessful. He arrived here about three weeks ago, and is at present in Chicago.

Being in possession of the foregoing facts, the TIMES yesterday dispatched a reporter to the New-York branch of this Bureau, and he had an interview with H. W. DAVIES, the Superintendent. That gentleman very courteously conversed on the topic, and corroborated the statement. He also said, after mentioning the return from Europe of Mr. PINKERTON, whom, by the way, he had not seen since, that FORRESTER is yet in Scotland, hiding from the agents who are on the alert to seize him. This Bureau, continued he, is in direct communication with the Police and authorities on the other side of the ocean, and although the fugitive may, for a time, elude their vigilance, in the end he must be caught. Mr. PINKERTON, he said, had his plans carefully for the capture; but they have thus far been without a great result. The man, however, is shut up within the area of Britain—a much smaller field to operate in that the North American Continent is. The understanding between PINKERTON'S people and the New-York Police is that if the former catch FORRESTER, the latter will have him tried upon the Nathan murder charge. If he be acquitted of this crime, the Police will turn him over to PINKERTON, who will send him back to serve out his thirteen years in the prison.

"This," said Mr. DAVIES, "is what FORRESTER hates to do, and to avoid which he would take any chances. If he were to be in this room with us now, I know the man's character so well, that I believe he would attempt to get out, even though I leveled a revolver at his head. He would prefer death to imprisonment. When he is run down, take my word for it, he will fight hard."

Being asked whether FORRESTER'S mistress in New-Orleans did not know something of his whereabouts, the Superintendent replied that she did not. She was only apprised of his well-being from time to time by a third party. "However, as I before observed, there is not the slightest doubt in my mind but that 'Billy' will fall into our hands, if he but live a little longer. All our arrangements have been perfected by our chief in Scotland, where 'our man' now is."

THE SUICIDAL MANIA.

Five Cases of Self-Destruction in New-York and New-Jersey—Singular Cases.

PORT JERVIS, N. Y., Aug. 2.—For the past few days several suicides have been committed in this section of country. The little village called Quaker Settlement, near the Orange and Sussex County lines, was the scene of a melancholy case of self-destruction on Saturday morning. An old man named MOSES DICKERSON was found hanging by the neck in an out-house on his premises. He had for some years been afflicted with a painful cancer in the face, which had eaten away one cheek, and was gradually approaching his eye. It is thought that his sufferings from this cause produced temporary insanity. He was sixty-six years of age, and leaves an aged wife and several children.

DAVID CONKLIN, a farmer, about thirty-eight years of age, was found dead a day or two since in the barn of THOMAS JENNINGS, near Amity, Orange County, with an empty phial which had contained laudanum lying by his side. A post-mortem examination was held, and it was found that the deceased had come to his death by a dose of that drug. What led him to destroy himself is not known.

Mrs. AMADA CROGAN, an inmate of the Orange County Poor-house, on Tuesday morning, killed herself with laudanum. She was upward of seventy years of age, and infirm, which doubtless was the cause of her suicide.

Mrs. SUSAN SLACK, widow of PETER SLACK, drowned herself in a race-way, at Belvidere, N. J., on the Delaware River. She had been spending Sunday with a neighbor, and started home about 10 o'clock at night. She went home, pulled off her shoes and stockings, took from her pocket a bunch of keys and her pocket-book, and wrote a note, saying, "You will find me in the race," which she pinned on the door. She was found next day near the shore, with a shawl around her head. The deceased had been in poor health for some time, and at times was thought to be of unsound mind. She was sixty-nine years old.

Miss JULIA TUTTLE, of Canton, Bradford County, Penn., committed suicide on Friday by taking a dose of strychnine. She was found dead on the floor of her bed-chamber. A drug clerk in the village said the deceased had purchased a quantity of strychnine from him, stating that she wanted it to poison rats. The only reason that can be assigned for the rash act is the fact that her parents contemplated removing from Canton, to which she was violently opposed. Preparations for the change were to be made on the day she was found dead. She was an intelligent and prepossessing young lady, about seventeen years of age.

WASHINGTON NEWS.

The Geneva Conference—The North Carolina Election—Republican Majority Predicted—Miscellaneous News.

Special Dispatch to the New-York Times.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 2.—There is no authoritative announcement of the determination of the President to appoint CHARLES FRANCIS ADAMS as the agent of our Government at the Geneva Conference, but those best informed express no doubt that such a decision was made yesterday. In view of the undoubted truth of the announcement, comments concerning the appointment are everywhere heard, and approval of the supposed choice of the President is unanimous. The fitness of Mr. ADAMS for the appointment, on account of his diplomatic accomplishments and experience, as well as his special knowledge of our claims, is always conceded.

THE NORTH CAROLINA ELECTION.

The election in North Carolina for delegates to a Constitutional Convention is to be held tomorrow. The accounts received through Republican sources are highly encouraging, and predict variously a majority ranging from 6,000 to 20,000. The contest is accepted and met on both sides as a clear issue between the Democratic and Republican Parties, and there will apparently be but little party defection on either side. There will possibly be some—it cannot be foretold how much—influence exerted by the Ku-Klux over a belt of territory a hundred miles wide, extending from north to south through the central portion of the State. If the Republicans secure a majority of the delegates the party will have the control of the State for some years in their hands.

THE KU-KLUX COMMITTEE.

The Ku-Klux Subcommittee are still engaged in the examination of witnesses. Nothing of special interest is elicited. One class of witnesses testify to peace and order and the absence of Ku-Klux organizations in certain Southern localities, while another class testify in an opposite direction. It is stated that a Subcommittee will be sent in October to investigate the facts connected with the alleged Ku-Klux, 200 of whom were indicted at the recent term of the United States Circuit Court at Oxford, Miss.

THE WEATHER.

Synopsis and Probabilities.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 3—1 A.M.—No material change is reported from the Pacific and Rocky Mountain stations. The barometer has very generally risen since Tuesday night east of the Rocky Mountains, and the area of low pressure north of Kansas and Missouri has moved somewhat northward, while an area of higher barometer is encroaching upon the Atlantic States. The temperature is slightly lower at present upon the Gulf, but has been very generally higher than on Tuesday. Light winds from the southeast and south-west have prevailed in the interior, and on the Gulf and Atlantic coasts, but have now diminished at the latter stations. Local rains have prevailed Wednesday afternoon in Eastern Carolina, and from the Ohio Valley to Wisconsin, but clearing and clear weather is now very generally reported.

PROBABILITIES.

The barometer will probably continue higher, with rising temperature east of the Mississippi, on Thursday. Fresh southerly winds are probable for the Gulf coast and the Mississippi Valley. Local storms in the Southern States and West of Indiana and Wisconsin, will probably be fewer in number and of lesser extent than during the past week.

The Municipal Election in Charleston, S. C.—A Hot Contest—United States Troops Prevent Riot—One Man Shot.

CHARLESTON, S. C., Aug. 2.—The municipal election which took place was one of the most exciting ever known here. The opposing parties were the Citizens' Party, embracing the white voters with such colored voters as they could draw to their support, and the Republican Party, consisting of the bulk of the colored voters, with a small portion of whites, chiefly State and city officials. GILBERT PILSBURY, the present Mayor, and JOHN A. WAGNER, a prominent German, were respectively the Republican and Citizens' candidates. Business of every kind was suspended today, the whole voting population being at the polls. At the request of leading citizens who apprehended violence, a small squad of United States troops was detailed to each precinct. By their aid several disturbances, which threatened to end in serious rioting, were quelled. One man was shot during the day. The contest was close, and both parties claim the victory. The votes will be counted to-morrow.

Sad Accident—A Gentleman and Two Ladies Killed.

CONCORD, N. H., Aug. 2.—Dr. GEORGE HOWE and wife, Mrs. CHAS. T. TILTON, and Miss WALCOTT, all of Boston, while taking a pleasure-drive yesterday, in Charlestown, N. H., where they boarded, were run into by an express-train on the Vermont Central Road, and the three first named were instantly killed. Miss WALCOTT escaped with severe bruises.

Wholesale Poisoning in a Hotel—A Discharged Servant Suspected.

PHILADELPHIA, Aug. 2.—A special to the *Evening Telegraph*, from Atlantic City, N. J., says about thirty persons, after eating corn-starch pudding at dinner at the Alhambra Hotel there yesterday, showed signs of having been poisoned. No deaths are reported. It is supposed that arsenic was put in the corn-starch by a discharged domestic.

An Alleged Shaker Defaulter.

HUDSON, N. Y., Aug. 2.—The *Evening Register* reports that EDWARD CHASE, a prominent Shaker, who for many years has had charge of the business of that branch of the New Lebanon Shakers known as the Brick-Yard Family, absconded last Saturday night, and is supposed to be a defaulter to the amount of from $15,000 to $20,000. It is believed that he is now in Springfield, Massachusetts.

A Freight and a Peach Train in Collision—One Man Killed.

WILMINGTON, Del., Aug. 2.—A freight train collided with a peach train on the Wilmington and Reading Railroad, near Marshall Station, at noon yesterday. One of the engineers was killed and several brakemen wounded. The engines and cars were badly wrecked.

University of Vermont—Commencement.

BURLINGTON, Vt., Aug. 2.—The Commencement day exercises of the University of Vermont were very interesting. The addresses of the graduating class and the Masters of Arts occupied the day until 2 o'clock. After a short valedictory address by Prof. ANGELL, Prof. M. H. BUCKHAM was sworn in as President by Gov. STEWART, and gave a fine address, setting forth the aims and purposes of the University. The number of the Alumni present was unexpectedly large, and the exercises of the week of much interest. A brilliant levee at Prof. ANGELL'S house closed the day.

TELEGRAPHIC BREVITIES.

N. H. KEER, station agent and Postmaster at Fairview, on the Lehigh Valley Railroad, was arrested yesterday morning by S. P. SCHWARTZ, Government detective, for robbing the mail of a pension certificate sent Tuesday to widow of the same. He was held in $5,000 bail for appearance.

The Grand Encampment of Massachusetts Odd-fellows held its annual session in Music Hall, in Boston, yesterday. The report shows twenty-six subordinate encampments in Massachusetts, with 2,500 members, an increase the past year of five encampments and over 700 members.

Gen. W. T. SHERMAN reached Watertown, N. Y., on Tuesday evening, from Ogdensburg. He inspected the troops at Madison Barracks yesterday morning, and returned to Watertown at noon. He left in the evening for Oswego, declining a reception.

It is understood that a change will soon be made in the chief clerkship of the Department of Agriculture, and that Mr. G. B. RAWSON, of Philadelphia, formerly Chief Clerk of that Department, will succeed Mr. MCLEAN, the present incumbent.

Twelve men of the Toronto Lacrosse Club left there yesterday for New-York, to play against twelve of the Keasbeybooker and Manhattan Clubs at the Capitoline Grounds on Saturday next.

The game between the Athletics, of Philadelphia, and Eckfords, of Brooklyn, in Philadelphia, yesterday, was won by the former, 9 to 2, NELSON making both runs for the Eckfords.

A heavy thunder-storm passed over the region about Fortress Monroe on Tuesday, and a large barn on the Hampton Normal School Farm was struck by lightning and destroyed.

Collector RUSSELL, of Boston, who returned in the steamer Tripoli, yesterday, from a short European tour, was met in the Bay by numerous friends, and warmly welcomed.

JOHN H. TAYLOR, hailing from Cohoes, N. Y., was arrested in Buffalo, yesterday, for breaking into a jewelry-store and stealing about $600 worth of watches and jewelry.

The Masons of Troy yesterday laid the corner-stone of a new temple with appropriate ceremonies. GEORGE BABCOCK officiated as Grand Master of the ceremonies.

The control of the Union and Titusville Railroad has been transferred to the Oil Creek and Allegheny Railroad by a lease for nine hundred and ninety-nine years.

Gen. PLEASONTON was at his office, yesterday, discharging his duties as Commissioner. He and Secretary BOUTWELL avoid conversation upon their differences.

The second base-ball game of the championship series between the B. K. Lows and the Crescent Citys, in New-Orleans, was won by the latter by a score of 19 to 15.

The Democrats of San Francisco have nominated TILDEN CURTIS for Mayor, and renominated SAMUEL H. DWINELLE Judge of the Fifteenth District Court.

The barn of PETER BORDERT, in Chatham, Columbia County, was destroyed by fire yesterday morning, together with a large quantity of hay and rye.

HAUN, charged with the murder of WALLACE, near Mountain View, Santa Clara County, Cal., five years ago, has been arrested in Inyo County.

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THE DOMESTIC LIFE OF THOMAS JEFFERSON. Compiled from family letters and Reminiscences. By his great-granddaughter, SARAH N. RANDOLPH. Published by HARPER & BROTHERS.

"I do not," says Mrs. RANDOLPH, his great-granddaughter, "write of JEFFERSON either as of the great man or as of the statesman. My object is only to give a faithful picture of him as he was in private life. I have collected the reminiscences of him which have been written by his daughter and grandchildren—from his correspondence, published and unpublished. I have culled his family letters, and have reproduced them as being the most faithful witnesses of the warmth of his affections, and the scrupulous fidelity with which he discharged the duties of every relation in life." She has well performed her pious task. Besides securing that which she considers an abundant reward for her labors—that of "imparting to my readers something of that esteem and veneration which I have been taught to feel for him by the people with whom he was most intimate during life, the grandson, who as a boy played upon his knee, and as a man was the staff of his old age"—she has produced one of the most charming memoirs of the day. We think it will forever set at rest all aspersions upon the private character of the author of the Declaration of Independence, and prove him to have been not only a great statesman, but a good man.

The first American JEFFERSON, emigrated from Wales to Virginia in 1612, and was a member of the Jamestown Assembly, convened in 1619, the first legislative body which met in America. We find no other mention of the JEFFERSONS for more than a century. In 1737, PETER JEFFERSON, the father of THOMAS, brought JANE RANDOLPH, his young wife, to a plain wooden house which he had built in the valley of the Rivanna. Like WASHINGTON he was a land-surveyor, and like him looked sharply for good tracts for himself. He took out a patent for 1,000 acres of fertile land, adjoining a tract of 2,400 acres, entered by his wife's kinsman, WILLIAM RANDOLPH. There was no good site for a dwelling upon JEFFERSON'S tract, and he bought 400 acres from RANDOLPH, the price being a bowl of punch. The site of the house in which THOMAS JEFFERSON was born, April 13, 1743, is yet marked by a few aged trees, the remains of a grove planted by him on the twenty-first anniversary of his birthday. Four miles away rose a steep hill, on the top of which he was preparing to build the stately mansion of Monticello. PETER JEFFERSON died in the prime of life, leaving two sons and six daughters. To THOMAS, the elder, then fourteen years of age, he left the estate on the Rivanna; to the younger, lands on the Roanoke.

Mr. JEFFERSON studied at the best schools the country afforded, and afterward at William and Mary College. From early boyhood he was an eager student. At college he gave fifteen hours a day to his studies. Even during the vacations, spent at his home, he was hardly less studious, rising at dawn, and only as evening approached, walking to the summit of Monticello, "the little Mountain." Having left William and Mary, he studied law for four years, and was admitted to the Bar at the age of twenty-four. At this time he was undoubtedly the best educated man in America. He was a good classical scholar and mathematician, a clever musician, understood French, Spanish and Italian, and had mastered the physical sciences as then known.

He at once entered into extensive practice in his profession. During his eight years at the Bar he was engaged in 948 cases in the General Court alone, besides acting as counsel in many others. He could not have been a brilliant advocate, and never came to be a fluent speaker. An old man who had, when a youth, often heard him in Court, when asked how JEFFERSON appeared as a pleader, would only say, "Well, it's hard to tell, for he always took the right side." The lawyer who always appears to have the right side, certainly has the essential gift of an advocate. At twenty-nine he married MARTHA SKELTON, a wealthy young widow of six years' younger. At this time his revenue from his estates was $2,000 a year, his wife's estate producing as much more, while his professional income was $1,000 a year. This income of $7,000 was fully equivalent to three times as much in our day. Thus it may be noted that the sum paid for the board and tuition of JEFFERSON was from £18 to £30 a year; and one year of dearth, when corn rose ten shillings a barrel, or thirty-three cents a bushel, was long remembered as the "ten-shilling year."

Before his marriage JEFFERSON'S family consisted of his mother and his six sisters, and to these were soon added the six young children of his friend, DABNEY CARR, who had married his favorite sister. Though he lived in generous style, his income much exceeded his expenses, the surplus being laid out in the purchase of land, so that his estate soon amounted to 5,000 acres, upon which were 150 slaves. He was utterly free from the costly vices of his time and country. He early formed a high ideal of life. "I had the good fortune," he wrote to his grandson, "to become acquainted very early with some characters of very high standing, and to feel the incessant wish that I could ever become what they were. Under temptations and difficulties I would ask myself, What would Dr. SMALL, Mr. WYTHE, or PEYTON RANDOLPH do in this situation? What course in it will insure me their approbation?" He never gambled, and to the last day of his life, it is said, did not know one card from another. In those days of deep drinking, spirituous liquors were his aversion, and of wine he drank sparingly, and only the lightest kinds. He was a magnificent rider; his horses must be of the best Virginia blood, and so carefully groomed that if a white handkerchief passed over their coats showed the slightest trace of soil, the animal was at once sent back to the stable. There was something touching in the love between him and DABNEY CARR, who was his junior by a year. A great oak stood on the plantation, under which the two boys were wont to study. They promised that whichever of the two survived should have the other buried beneath it. CARR died at the age of thirty, while JEFFERSON was absent from home, and was buried elsewhere. JEFFERSON had the remains removed to the oak. This was the origin of the family burying-ground, where, after the lapse of more than half a century, was deposited the body of JEFFERSON. His wife had rested there for four-and-forty years; his daughter, MARY EPPES, for half as long. A while after, his other daughter, MARTHA RANDOLPH, was added to the number. The correspondence between these two daughters and their father forms a considerable part of this *Domestic Life*. More tender family letters, we are sure, were never written. Twenty years ago all the monuments were in fair preservation. In the centre, between the flat tombstones of the wife and MARY, stood the granite obelisk over the grave of JEFFERSON; at the head that of MARTHA. Now, one who looks through the iron grating in the surrounding brick wall, sees only ruins. "The gates," [illegible] his great-granddaughter, "have been [illegible] and again broken open, the graveyard [illegible] tered, and the tombs desecrated. The [illegible] of the obelisk over JEFFERSON'S grave have been chipped away, until it now stands a misshapen column. Of the slabs placed over the graves of Mrs. JEFFERSON and Mrs. EPPES, not a vestige remains, while of the one over Mrs. RANDOLPH, only fragments are left."

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"[illegible] we descend to visit a belle not yet forty, tall and with a mild and pleasing countenance; but those mind and understanding are soon substituted for every outward grace. An American, who, without ever having quitted his own country, is as soon a musician, skilled in drawing, a cosmetician, an astronomer, a natural philosopher, legislator and statesman, a General of Armies, who, all for five years, in that body which brought about the Revolution, a Governor, who, in time of war, has been able to carry retirement from the world. A wife and amiable wife, charming children, of whose education he himself takes charge; great provisions to improve, a house to embellish, the arts and sciences to cultivate; these are what remain to Mr. JEFFERSON after having played a principal role on the greatest theatre of the World, and which he preferred to the honorable commission of Minister Plenipotentiary to Europe. Sometimes natural philosophy, at others politics or the arts were the topics of our conversation, for no object had escaped Mr. JEFFERSON; and it seemed as if from his youth he had placed his intellect on the basis on which he has since built his fortune. From what point of view can an elevated situation, from which he might contemplate the universe."

The wife of JEFFERSON died in 1782. His ten years of married life, as happy as often falls to human lot, were yet clouded by one great sorrow. Of the six children born to him, three died in infancy, and a fourth in early childhood, while he was absent as Minister to France. After his death, more than forty years later, among his private papers was found a lock of long golden hair, cut from the head of this child, and marked simply "LUCY." Another daughter, MARY, the beautiful wife of JOHN W. EPPES, died in 1804 at the age of twenty-five. MARTHA, the wife of THOMAS RANDOLPH, alone survived her father. She accompanied him on his mission to France, and after their return was for nearly thirty years the mistress of the household at Monticello. In intellect she was worthy of her parentage; and her portrait, painted by SULLY when in the prime of womanhood, is among the loveliest works of that great artist. Her son, named after his grandfather, was the prop and stay of his declining years; and to his daughter we owe this sketch of the domestic life of JEFFERSON. When her mother died MARTHA JEFFERSON was a girl of ten years old. Long afterward she wrote respecting JEFFERSON:

"He nursed my mother in turn with Aunt CARR and her sister, setting up with her and administering her medicines and drink to the last. For four months that she lingered he was never out of calling; when not in her bedside he was writing in a small room which opened immediately at the head of her bed. A moment before the closing scene he was led from the room in a state of insensibility by his sister, who with great difficulty got him into the library, where he remained, and remained so long insensible that they feared he would not revive. He kept his room three days, and I was never a moment from his side. He walked almost incessantly night and day, only lying down occasionally when exhausted. When at last he left his room he rode out, and from that time he was incessantly upon horseback, rambling about the mountains in the least-frequented roads, and through the woods. In these melancholy rides I was his constant companion, a solitary witness to many a burst of grief."

The post of Minister to Europe had been twice urged upon JEFFERSON, and declined by him. Congress now renewed the appointment by which he was to act in concert with ADAMS and FRANKLIN in negotiating peace with Great Britain. "The act took place," writes MADISON, "in consequence of its being suggested that the death of Mrs. JEFFERSON had changed his sentiments with regard to public life. It was agreed to unanimously, and without a single adverse remark." He himself writes:

"I had, two months before lost the cherished companion of my life, in whose affections, unabated on both sides, I had lived the last ten years in unchequered happiness. Before that event my scheme of life had been determined. I had folded myself in the arms of retirement, and rested all prospect of future happiness on domestic and literary objects. A single event wiped away all my plans, and left me a blank which I had not the spirits to fill up. In this state of mind the appointment of Congress found me, requiring me to cross the Atlantic. With the public interests the state of my mind concurred in recommending the change of scene proposed; and I accepted the appointment."

It was nearly two years before JEFFERSON received final orders to embark for Europe. A treaty of peace had been made with Great Britain, and his duty was, in conjunction with FRANKLIN and ADAMS, to negotiate commercial treaties with European Powers. In the meanwhile he was elected a member of the Congress, the sittings being then held at Annapolis. At this time began the correspondence with his daughters, which was continued through life, whenever they were separated. From the earliest letters to his eldest daughter, a school-girl of eleven, we take a few sentences:

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"My loss is great indeed. Others may have had them abundance; but I, of my part have lost even the half of all I had. My evening prospects now hang on the slender thread of a single life. Perhaps I may be destined to see even this last cord of parental affection broken. The hope with which I had looked forward to the moment when, resigning public cares to younger hands, I was to retire to that domestic comfort from which the last great step is to be taken, is fearfully blighted."

JEFFERSON retired from public life at the age of sixty-six. He found his private affairs in sad confusion. He was burdened with debts; and though his estates were large, in the condition of the country they produced no income in money. He wrote to a friend:

"We can indeed make enough to eat, drink and clothe ourselves, but nothing for our hall iron, groceries and taxes, which must be paid in money. What can we raise for the market? Wheat? We can only give it to our horses, as we have been doing ever since harvest. Tobacco? It is not worth the pipe it is smoked in. Some say whiskey; but all mankind must become drunkards to consume it."

People could not believe that the owner of Monticello, with his 5,000 acres and 150 slaves, was a poor man. Visitors from all parts thronged upon him. His home was miles from any tavern, and according to the Virginian code of hospitality, visitors and their horses must be entertained. His daughter sometimes had, without warning, to provide for the night for fifty strangers. JEFFERSON was fairly eaten out of house and home by people who came to "pay their respects." His pecuniary difficulties grew greater year by year. As early as 1814, he sold his library to Congress for $23,500, less than half of its actual cost. Toward the close of his life his circumstances became generally known. Some citizens gracefully afforded him aid. PHILIP HONE, Mayor of New-York, raised in that City $9,500; from Philadelphia he received $5,000; from Baltimore, $3,000. His own State of Virginia did nothing, and when, almost on his death-bed, he petitioned the Legislature to authorize him to dispose of his estate by lottery, that body dallied so long over the matter that death came to decide the question. His young grandson, THOMAS JEFFERSON RANDOLPH, undertook to manage his affairs, and in the effort sunk his whole fortune. Six months after the death of JEFFERSON, his estates were put up at auction, his very furniture sold to pay his debts; and his "dear and beloved daughter" was left absolutely penniless. The States of South Carolina and Louisiana, learning of this, each voted her a sum of $10,000.

Yet the closing seventeen years of JEFFERSON'S life were not without bright aspects. No mere extracts can give a view of the idyllic charms of the home of the old statesman and his children and grandchildren. To the last he was an earnest student, and one of the cherished labors of his later years was the foundation of the noble University of Virginia. This, indeed, he looked upon as one of the three great works of his life; for he directed that the only inscription upon his monument should be

Here was buried THOMAS JEFFERSON, author of the Declaration of Independence, of the Statute of Virginia for Religious Freedom, and Father of the University of Virginia,

adding by way of explanation: "Because by these, as testimonials that I have lived, I wish most to be remembered."

We wish that our space would permit us to quote from the touching letters written by JEFFERSON to JOHN ADAMS, during the last years of their lives. In the turmoil of politics the two old friends had become separated, and no word for long passed between them. Each, however, loved and honored the other at heart, and both were rejoiced when in 1812 Dr. RUSH offered his mediation to renew their intercourse. ADAMS was the first to write. JEFFERSON responded:

"A letter from you calls up recollections very dear to my heart. It carries me back to the times when, beset with difficulties and dangers, we were fellow-laborers in the same cause. Laboring always at the same oar, with some part or other always in front, how consoling to our countrymen was the information, and how valuable to ourselves under our harass, to know that we were not laboring in vain. We were indeed fellow-laborers; we rode through the storm with heart and hand, and made a happy port.... No circumstance has ever suspended for one moment my sincere esteem for you, and I now salute you with unabated affection and respect."

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THE PRESS ON THE RING.

From the National Standard.

The NEW-YORK TIMES, with an ability, courage, and perseverance remarkable in the history of New-York journalism, has succeeded, after prolonged and unwearied efforts, in concentrating public attention very fully and directly upon the corruption in the administration of the [illegible] of New-York, and upon the [illegible] of the Tammany Ring of politicians. Its unanswerable charges and revelations are indeed astounding, as indicating the extent to which this official dishonesty has hitherto been prosecuted with impunity. But the exposures of the TIMES have a significance of a much graver import than as pertaining to our local City Government, or the State Legislature at Albany. It is the ambition of Tammany and its supporters to enlarge their sphere of operations and to take control of the National Government. Should there be any serious divisions in the ranks of the Republican party, Tammany triumphs in the next Presidential campaign by no means an improbable event. The TIMES does not always or generally come up to our standard of radicalism, but in its pending contest with Tammany it is doing not merely the Republican Party, but the whole country signal service. It leaves the Democratic party in the rear of that journal, having [illegible] recently received large and liberal installment of Tammany advertising to be able to second the TIMES very heartily in its ardurous and praiseworthy contest.

Troy Saturday.

Grand Brooks down at last. We always supposed the day would come when the sunlight, like the spear of Ithuriel, would pierce the extortions of the New-York Ring, and start its managers into their own likenesses; but how and when the darkness should be given his long [illegible] a matter of uncertainty. The NEW-YORK TIMES seems to have been privileged to undertake the good work, and it is certainly following it up with a boldness, vigor and success worthy of all praise. Of course it is now astonishing that this great deed should have been so long unaccomplished by New-York journalism, but [illegible] Tammon, under our laws, we know not how, we rode through the storm with heart and hand, and made a happy port.... No circumstance has ever suspended for one moment my sincere esteem for you, and I now salute you with unabated affection and respect."

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It is impossible not to admire the courage and [illegible] with which the NEW-YORK TIMES is [illegible] attacking the Democratic Ring of that City. Nor are the figures which that journal has brought to light, showing the enormous charges entailed upon the tax-payers, without a sort of impressive interest, as proving of how much a few corrupt politicians can rob a community when the source of power is an ignorant and unscrupulous mob.

Opportunity Journal.

When we read these galling exposures we can see where the money came from to buy up such men as CHARLES O'CONOR, WILLIAM M. EVARTS, and others, to defend the Ring. They could afford to pay him a hundred thousand for his services, and make money by the bargain. The circulation of the TIMES on Saturday had reached 260,000, so great is the interest of the people to learn how they have been fleeced by the most corrupt of all political organizations.

Toledo (Ohio) Commercial.

It is proposed to "reform" national affairs by taking power out of the hands of the party now reducing the public expenditures, reducing public taxation and paying the national debt, and putting it into the hands of the Tammany managers! Are the people ready for that?

New Haven Palladium.

"You may talk as much as you please, and prove HALL, SWEENY, TWEED & Co. to be thieves and swindlers, but what are you going to do about it?" is the answer the World has at last seized down upon as the best to make to the charges of corruption preferred against Tammany. If the decent citizens can only be [illegible] not find out a remedy, we hope the Ring will continue to plunder them as much as they please, depending upon it, its great Sachems, and the Orangemen descending another of them, and the terrifying figures brought to light by the TIMES, Tammany would appear to be in a fair way to come to an untimely end.

New-Orleans Times.

We have read with interest and amusement both sides of the controversy between the NEW-YORK TIMES and the City Government, or rather the Mayor and Controller of that City, relative to the unexampled (in extent at least) plundering which has been sanctioned and practiced in that City. We incline to a very positive opinion that the TIMES is fully justified in holding the party in power responsible for the villainies exposed, and do not appreciate the force of the pleas set up by Mayor HALL and Controller CONNOLLY against the charges made. No one cares about the motives of the TIMES in making this assault and exposure.

THE VOICE OF THE PEOPLE.

A Twelfth Ward Swindle.

To the Editor of the New-York Times:

Nothing with pleasure the exposures in your paper of the shamable outrages and frauds perpetrated by the present City Government, the Ring, I send you the following note to add to the long list of their extortions. I own a single lot on Third-avenue, near Harlem. Some time ago an ordinance was passed by our fashionable friends, the Ring, to pave Third-avenue with Belgian pavement from Eighty-sixth to One Hundred and Tenth-street. The job was done, and for this disinterested exhibition of sincere feeling on the part of the Ring I received an assessment bill of $618 00. Now, the frontage of my lot is twenty-five feet, with a width from railroad track to curb-stone of about twenty-five feet. Now, the stone contained within that square (25 by 25) is by actual count 1,300 squares, making the actual cost of each stone twenty-four and a fraction cents each. The stone can be and is furnished by contractors at $4 a ton, delivered on the ground. So, by comparing, I find that the so-called City Government, the Ring, make the snug profit of twenty-one cents a square stone. Keep on in your present course, and God grant that the articles in your paper may be the means of opening the eyes of the people to the fact that the present City Government in its existing state is a burning shame to any political party, and a corrupt mass of rottenness and pollution.

A TWELFTH WARD TAX-PAYER.

NEW-YORK, Sunday, July 30, 1871.

Questions for the Ring.

To the Editor of the New-York Times:

Keep on in your good work; you have not told one quarter. If the Ring have been honest how they become so very wealthy. Can they answer the following questions honestly, and prove them honest: How did TWEED within ten years make from fifteen to twenty millions of dollars? Let him bring out his millions in bonds and all sorts of securities from his strong boxes in certain banks and safe deposit companies. Let him tell how many millions Mr. B. F. FAIRCHILD holds in real estate in his (FAIRCHILD'S) name for Mr. TWEED. How many companies he is chief man in, all of which have contracts from the City? Does he own most of the armories, (which he does,) and them fitted up, altered, &c., at the City's expense? Seven years ago I knew a man that lent the Controller, CONNOLLY, one hundred dollars to pay his interest on the house he then lived in. How did he make his millions? Are the contractors that are building a new City Hall in Harlem, which will by the time it is finished cost from three to five millions, building Mr. CONNOLLY'S three hundred thousand dollar house on Fifth-avenue and One Hundred and Thirtieth-street, and charging it all in their bills to the City? Are the said contractors doing the same thing on Senator GREEN'S house, Fifth-avenue and One Hundred and Twenty-sixth-street? Ten years ago A. GARVEY was not worth ten thousand dollars. How has he within five years made millions? How many hundreds of thousands has he got stowed away in a certain Safe Deposit Company and the Broadway Bank, and how many hundreds of thousands does he hold in real estate, all made dishonestly from the City? Let INGERSOLL tell honestly how many millions he had in the City name, and the act of his wife, made from the City outside of what he had actually furnished. How many thousands of tons of coal has he been paid for beyond what he furnished the City? Did the City pay for his furniture in his Fifth-avenue house, furnished by POTTIER & STYMUS, which concern is backed up by TWEED? This same JIMMIE INGERSOLL is TWEED'S pal. His father was TWEED'S partner when they failed in the chair business, and as old INGERSOLL worked the thing out for TWEED, he took up politics, and for his kindness to TWEED he took up JIMMIE, and has made him worth millions of hundreds of ways, which would take too much time now to tell of. It is well known, and they have made no denial of their wealth either, that the entire Ring are worth over fifty millions. Now, how have they made it but by dishonesty, and that is what all good men should take hold of, push them to the wall, until they either give up the immense amount of money they have stolen from the tax-payers, and clear out of the country, which I think they will do, for it has been done so clearly that their own safety will depend upon their getting out. Why, my dear Sir, our City Government is rotten to the core, and the sooner things are looked into the better. How many hundreds of thousands of bonds has Mr. CONNOLLY issued which there is no account of?

DUTY.

NEW-YORK, Monday, July 31, 1871.

The Great German Want.

To the Editor of the New-York Times:

Why don't you do for the Germans what you have done so well for the Americans? The majority of the disturbances of the City that [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

The Boston Board of Aldermen refuse to permit excise campaigns to harm the city.

Boston estimates the value of its public school property at three-quarters of a million of dollars.

A ton of good hay will buy a good cow in New-Hampshire.

Rochesterians are looking admiringly at a veritable green turtle placed to have been dredged in the river basin of Irondequoit Bay.

Democratic lawyers fall upon a circular now down in Democratic Massachusetts, Mr. Dix, the author, they say, is later than a star.

A light vote and the usual Republican majority is expected at the State election in Maine in September.

The Massachusetts State Constables are unwilling to arrest tramps and vagrants who go about city to city begging.

The Quequinnapoxet Homestead Humane is the name under which a New-Hampshire tavern struggles.

A strict temperance man in Connecticut found out all his horse drank out of a pubic trough which had the words "Sisters' Prayer Circle" in letters perceptible to everlasting agony.

Gen. M. P. Bates has sent an order to Kentucky for a farm wagon, to be used on his Massachusetts farm.

There is to be no special session of the Illinois Legislature. The former second session will begin in Springfield on the 1st of November.

A Kentucky paper brings the afflicting intelligence that Hon. Thomas D. Sechrest is "fat, fussy, jocular," from a huge carbuncle on his neck.

Capt. L. HILLIARD, now of Toronto, is said to be the man who first took a steam-boat down the Niagara Rapids. This was on the 16th of August, 1825.

The Mayor of Hartford has been either asked to call a meeting of citizens to decide whether they will appropriate half a million dollars for a new State Capitol.

Mrs. MARGARET ARRELL closed a long life in Boston on Tuesday morning. Her age was one hundred and three years, three months, and sixteen days.

A young woman in Connecticut recently, when sick, mortgaged her body to her physician for dissection in case of death, as compensation for professional attendance upon her. And then maliciously she got well.

A resident of Baltimore, who attempted to stop a little fight between his Newfoundland dog and a steer, cut, was turned upon by the former and very badly bitten. His wife, who came to his assistance, was also painfully wounded by the teeth of the enraged animal.

The corner-stone of the soldiers' monument on Boston Common is to be laid on the 19th September. It is expected that all the military organizations in the city will take part in the ceremonies. An oration will be delivered, of course.

Abominable is now the word applied to the water furnished the citizens of Hartford, Conn. It is explained that it is not called "influenza" merely because it appears to be impossible that there should be human worthies of such villainy.

A convicted murderer, in Ohio, when asked if he had anything to say before sentence of death was passed upon him, began a long and rambling speech with the apologetic remark: "I have, sir, I have a very bad cold, your Honor."

The stallion Kossuth, once well known to Virginia sportsmen, died in Monroe County, in that State, on Sunday, at the age of twenty-four years and one day. When in his prime, he took speed premiums at one, national, and five State Fairs.

Mr. HENRY I. WRIGHT, for nearly twenty years Secretary of the New-York and New-Haven Railroad Company, died at his Cove Neck home, West Monument, on Friday night last, of softening of the brain, induced by hard work and too close attention to business.

With a feeling somewhat like despair, the Augusta (Ga.) Constitutionalist remarks that it certainly will require a Democratic Presidential sweeping by this fall several majority to Democratic candidates for the Presidency, of such stupendous party purity of character to counteract the evil deeds of Tammany.

The winning carriage referred to in telegrams two or three days ago, belonged to the Nahant Shoe and Leather Bank of Boston. It contained five fast horses, each combining three ten-dollar notes, and one twenty-dollar note, and one sheet of twenty dollars. The day didn't they were united, a small boy applied to the doorkeeper of the bank to sell him a dollar's worth of bill which he spoke was half green and brown.

A GIPSY woman the other day persuaded a credulous Missouri farmer to search for hidden treasure on his land under her instructions, after he had deposited $2,500 in a place known only to himself and to him. Her spade had scarcely touched the ground when the deceived farmer was taken to bed for dead, and when he recovered from the swoon, under the lapse of ten days, that was the last he saw the gipsy woman.

Wilmington, Del., grows. At the present moment it is building a Masonic temple, for instance, an opera-house, and a cost of $100,000 for a new court-house, and the public-school building, schools, and hotels for all, and it represents the three industries which together, of course, constitute the wealth of a community—manufactures, trade, and agriculture.

A Michigan man who was recently buried in a well thirty feet from the surface of the ground, by its caving in on him, was rescued after nearly eight hours of torture. He attributes his escape to three large stones which lodged just over his head and prevented a large amount of dirt and stones from falling upon and suffocating him. His experience was not guilty in breaking, but suffered greatly from the cold. His legs were twisted in with stone and he found himself unable to move. He beats plainly persons at work above and their conversation; how the news should be conveyed to his friends, and even what arrangements should be made for his funeral. The cries of women and children, and the feats generally, were distinctly heard, yet he was unable to succeed until attention of his rescuers. He suffered the keenest mental torture, fearing that when the workmen should approach him the earth and stones would be loosened and precipitated upon him, with in-

BOARD OF HEALTH.

Meeting of Officials Invited—Reports from Hospitals and the Outer Localities—Business.

At the regular meeting of the Board of Health, yesterday, it was ordered that suits be instituted in the name of violators of the Tenement-house law, and fifteen cases of non-compliance with the orders of the Board.

Dr. JOHNSON, City Sanitary Inspector, reported the existence of contagious diseases:

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Dr. RUSSELL, Register of Records, reported 561 registered deaths for the past week, being a decrease of 33 above the previous week, and less by 220 than for the corresponding period of 1870. Zymotic diseases occasioned 203 deaths; constitutional, 145; local, 121; developmental, 26; new cases, 11; violence, 45. The fatal cases of small-pox, which, in the three preceding weeks, had diminished from 30 to 19, increased during the past week to 34. There were 8 deaths from measles and 9 from scarlatina, being a decrease of 4 and 6 respectively. Six deaths were ascribed to typhoid fever; none have been caused by typhus since July 1. The mortality from diarrhœal diseases fell from 95 to 126. One death was produced by sun-stroke. Bright's disease was the condition of 20 deaths, an increase of 14. Two additional deaths were due to wounds received in the riot, making an aggregate thus far of 31. During the four weeks last completed, embracing our most insalubrious season, there have been registered 1,111 less deaths than were returned for the same period of 1870. In the week ending July 16, the deaths from small-pox in London declined from 164 to 118, the lowest weekly number since January. With the exception of Dublin, Glasgow, and Aberdeen, the other English towns where it had been prevailing experienced a similar decline. In Berlin, for the week ending July 13, there were registered 719 deaths, of which 117 were due to small-pox and 180 to diarrhœa. The sanitary condition of Paris was excellent and improving during the week ending July 8. Deaths reported for the weeks ending July 1 to 14, having been respectively 801 and 780.

A number of applications for the occupation of basements as human habitations being reported upon favorably by the City Business Inspector, Commissioner MANIERRE moved that all the papers be referred to the Sanitary Committee, with a view of an investigation of and full report on the entire subject of cellar dwellings. Mr. SMITH spoke in favor of the motion, saying that many of these basements were scarcely safe for habitation, and that the prevalence of consumption among the poorer classes was due, in a great measure, to these cellars.

The motion was carried.

A letter was read from Mr. HENRY BERGH, asking for the appointment of himself, or the superintendent of his Society, as a Health Inspector, to act him in the discharge of the duties in enforcing the law against cruelty to animals. He added that the position was deserved without pay, and that if not, that the pay should be as little as possible. The letter was referred to the Committee on Laws and Ordinances.

President BOWDITCH announced that he would be obliged to be absent from the City for some weeks, and that it was necessary that there should be some one empowered to discharge the duties of office during his absence. Mr. ALEXANDER was elected President pro tem., and the Board adjourned.

Death and the Cars Reviewed.

Yesterday morning Mr. BERGH, accompanied by Dr. S. N. LAGO, Assistant Health Inspector of the Board of Health, made a thorough examination of the stables of the Forty-second and Grand-street Railroad Company. On a recent tour of inspection these stables were closed against Mr. BERGH, although at every other stable visited he had been kindly received. Knowing that the stables of the "Green line" were in anything but a decorous condition, Mr. BERGH was determined not to be thwarted, and yesterday the Board of Health despatched Dr. LAGO to accompany him and report to that Department on the sanitary condition of the stables. The depot of this Company is on the immediate corner of Forty-second-street Hook and Eye, and a brick, three-story building. On the ground floor of the survey was anything but satisfactory. In a dark cellar under ground, reeking with dirt, about a number of teams apparently resting or waiting for their next journey. The cellar extended under the entire building. It was exceedingly dark and very unpleasant. The ground was covered with dirty straw, and a dense, animal atmosphere filled the place. On the right a small opening and platform of rotten timbers, choked deep in dirt, led to the second floor of stables on a level with the road-way. Here were stairways containing thirty-six horses. Finally, he ascended to the uppermost floor, and directed the removal of the

THE DRUGGISTS.

Another Meeting of those Opposed to the New Law—Remarks of Mr. Hostin and Others.

Yesterday afternoon another meeting of druggists and drug clerks opposed to the new law was held at Association Hall, Fourth-avenue. Not more than fifty persons were present, which small attendance was owing, as believed, to the omission in the advertisements of the day of meeting.

Dr. COOK called the meeting to order, gave a brief account of what had been already accomplished, and asked for reports of the Ward Committees appointed to obtain signatures to the articles of the Association.

A number of these were handed in, and verbal reports made, showing that the feeling generally are opposed to the new law.

Mr. CHAS. CASTLE was elected Recording Secretary, after which Mr. DANIEL ROBBINS, of the firm of McKesson & Robbins, made a few remarks. He said that legislation on the subject of dispensing drugs was needed, and that there was a great deal of feeling on the subject among the public. The pharmaceutists were willing to the legislation for themselves, and he, with the consent and advice of his brethren in the trade, urged the passage of a law to Albany regulating the sale of drugs by retail druggists. The present bill had been sprung upon them and should be repealed. It was loose in its provisions; it incurred an unnecessary expense to the State of $50,000 annually, and the fees with it to be paid for examinations at the discretion of the examiners, and was altogether a stupidly put together, and useless bill. He thought all druggists should be registered and pay a small fee for so doing. The public had got the opinion that druggists are in the habit of employing uneducated youths as assistants, and the passing bill made the most of the two or three accidents which had lately occurred through the carelessness of drug clerks. He advised his associates to show the public that they were not so ignorant, and to form, for this purpose, associations for mutual improvement. There are now in the country, he said, 15,000 druggists, and 5,000 drug clerks, considered pharmaceutical. He would ask them if it would not be better to turn their attention more to the dispensation of drugs and less to the sale of fancy articles and soda-water, &c. The law relating to pharmaceutists lately passed in Maryland was the very best he had seen. It was capable in its provisions, if carried out, would be effective.

A gentleman asked whether the law of 1829 was repealed by the present law.

Mr. ROBBINS said this law was the offspring of a butcher, a rogue, and a prize-fighter, and consequently was a very clumsy affair, and contained all sorts of errors. This law did not repeal the new law, as many believed, but believed the old law was in force, which permitted any one having a certificate from the College of Pharmaceutists to dispense drugs.

Another gentleman remarked that the new law merely provided a penalty for putting up physicians' prescriptions without a license, but it did not say that no drugs should be dispensed without a license.

A resolution was then adopted assessing each member of the Association $2, about $60 of expenses having already been incurred, after which the meeting adjourned.

City Meteorological Report.

The following observations show the temperature, &c., yesterday, at the Central Park Mineral Springs:

	6 A.M.	9 A.M.	12 M.	3 P.M.	6 P.M.
Degrees Fahrenheit	68	71	76	79	77
Stand at					
Wet-bulb hygrometer at					

LAW REPORTS.

DECISIONS.

SUPREME COURT—CHAMBERS—Aug. 1.

By Judge Cardozo.

J. Smith Homans, Jr. vs. Louis J. Levy et al.; undertaking and sureties approved.

Oliver D. Taylor vs. William A. C. Ryan et al.; order granted.

John A. Cone vs. William H. Gleason; memoranda for counsel.

SUPERIOR COURT—SPECIAL TERM—Aug. 2.

By Judge Freedman.

Michael vs. Olvany; motion granted, without costs.

Miller vs. Earl; motion granted upon payment of the costs.

Leonard vs. Kendall; motion to vacate order of arrest denied, with $10 costs.

William B. Mitchell vs. John Hallowway; stenographer's minutes must be handed in. All papers in above case in Clerk's office.

SUPREME COURT—CHAMBERS.

Before Judge Cardozo.

MOTION TO DISSOLVE THE TOBACCO MANUFACTURERS' ASSOCIATION.

The People ex rel. Albert S. Yeaton vs. The Tobacco Manufacturers' Association, Nathaniel Sands, Moses H. Grinnell, Henry Hotdrege, Courtlandt Palmer, Jr., L. W. Winchester, and Samuel W. Bayliard.—This is an action brought by the Attorney-General on the relation of Albert S. Yeaton, to dissolve the corporation upon the alleged ground that the capital stock was issued partly for certain patents, and was not wholly paid in money. The complaint also alleges misconduct on the part of the six trustees named therein, in that they, at an irregular and private meeting, removed the relator from the office of Secretary, and in that they have adopted no by-laws, &c. This was argued on an order to show why a receiver should not be appointed, and the trustees removed *pendente lite*. The answer of the defendants denies, on information and belief, all such allegations. Yesterday, the relator, who is no longer in the stock of the Association, the defendant Sands having purchased his interest, but was for a time Secretary of the Company; that he was removed for incompetency and neglect of duties called by himself. They further allege that Chauncey Yeaton, Jun., brother of the relator, is the instigator of these proceedings, he having failed to obtain the control of the Company; that this suit is merely the outgrowth of malice and desire for revenge, and that the allegations of the complaint have no foundation in fact; that the Company own valuable patent rights, by the use of which they are now manufacturing 35,000 cigars daily; that they have sued for the use of these rights for all the States of the United States, except three, and from one of them these rights were sold for $800,000; that the present management has the full confidence and approbation of the owners of all but a small fraction of the capital stock. Defendants further claim that the complaint does not allege that the Company is insolvent or in any danger of insolvency, and that the defendants' answer and affidavits show it to be in a perfectly solvent and very flourishing condition; that the capital stock has been paid for the said patent rights.

The Court took the papers and reserved its decision.

E. R. Meade and W. G. Bartlett for plaintiff; O. F. Buel, (of Buel & Erhardt), and R. F. Andrews, for defendants.

FINANCIAL AFFAIRS.

Sales at the Stock Exchange—Aug. 3.

FIRST BOARD.

$10,000 U. S. 5s, '74, reg.	110	100 S. M. Coal	b. c. 72¾
5,000 do. 5s, '81, c.	116¾	100 Quicksilver	10¾
4,000 D. 6s, 5-20s, '65, c.	113¾	200 do.	10¾
5,000 do.	113¾	200 do.	b. 60. cash. 10¾
5,000 U. S. 5-20s, c. '65	113¾	200 do.	10¾
10,000 Tenn. 6s, old	72¾	100 Adams Ex.	72
10,000 Tenn. 6s, new	69¾	100 N. Y. Cent.	93¾
2,000 Ga. 6s	85½	10,000 N. Y. C. & H. Con.	93¾
2,000 Ga. 7s, Gold bds.	85½	100 Erie	22¾
2,000 S. C. 6s	78½	100 do.	22¾
2,000 do.	78½	100 do.	22¾
2,000 N. Y. 7s, R. L., R.	108¾	200 Reading	113¾
1,000 N. Y. Corporation 7s	108¾	100 Lake S. & M. S.	108½
3,000 Ala. & Stn. 2d	85	200 do.	108½
2,000 Mich. S. & N. Ind.	86	200 do.	108½
3,000 Cent. Pac. G. B.	96½	20 do.	108½
3,000 Mich. S. & N. Ind.	86½	50 Chi. & N. W.	83½
5,000 U. Pac. 1st mort.	87½	200 do.	83½
4,000 U. Pac. div. Bds.	82½	200 do.	83½
2,000 U. Pac. Land G.	81½	20 C. C. Cin. & I.	86½
2,000 C. & R. I. & P.	102¾	100 N. J. Cent.	87½
5,000 Q. & T. 1st M.	87	100 M. & St. L. pref.	69½
4,000 Mil. & St. P.	86½	100 do.	69½
1,000 C. & A. S. F. B.	101½	100 P. Ft. W. & C.	92
1,000 C. & A. S. F. B.	101½	100 Del. Lack. & W.	109¾
7,000 C. & R. I. & P.	1st M. 88½	200 do.	109¾
20,000 C. C. C. & I.	1st M. 85½	100 Chi. & Alton	107
$ Am. Ex. Bank	110	200 Mor. & Essex	69½
50 Central Nat. Bank	112	100 U. Pac. R.	37½
50 Tenth Nat. Bank	122	100 M. & St. L. pref.	69½
200 Com. Coal	b. 60. 3	100 do.	69½
200 W. U. Telegraph	35½	50 Chi. Bur. & Q.	114
200 do.	b. c.	50 do.	114

SECOND BOARD.

$5,000 U. S. 5-20, C.	112½	500 Pac. Mail Co.	b. c. 48¾
20,000 U. S. 5-20, C.	113	100 do.	48¾
5-20 coup. '67	114½	10-40 Tres.	103½
5-20 coup. '65	114½	10-40 Tres.	103½
5-20 coup., '65	114¾	5-20 coup.	107
5-20 coup., '67	114¾	5-20 coup.	107
5-20 coup., n. 1., '65	112¾	Currency 6s	114¾

*Ex-Dividend.

And the following for the State Bonds:

Tennessee 6s, old	72¾	Mo. 6s, Han. & St. R.	83¼
Tenn. 6s, new issue	69¾	Mo. 6s, 1870	103
Virginia 6s, old	54½	Ohio 6s, 1881	103¼
Va. 6s, new bonds	54½	Ohio 6s, 1886	104
Va. 6s, Deferred Stock	29	Ills. Canal bds., 1870	110
Georgia 7s, Gold bds.	85½	Ills. Coup. 6s, 1877	108
N. Carolina 6s, old	29	Ills. 6s, 1879	108
N. C. Fund'g act, 1866	21½	Indiana 6s	100
N. C. Fund'g act, 1868	20	Michigan 6s, 1878	89
N. C. new bonds	19	Michigan 6s, 1879	89
S. C. 6s, Jan. & July	87	Missouri 6s, 1876	92
Missouri 6s	96	Missouri 6s, 1877	92
Louisiana 6s, Lev. bds.	69	Michigan 6s, War Loan	100
Louisiana 6s, Penitentiary	67	Indiana 5s	100
California 7s	112	Michigan 6s, 1873	89
Connecticut 6s	104	Michigan 6s, 1878	89
Rhode Island 6s	100	Mich. Gen. 8s, 1875	92
Kentucky 6s	90	Mich. Gen. 8s, 1876	92
Ala. 5s, Ala. & Chat. R.	87	N. Y. 6s, C. L., 1877	107¼
Alabama 8s, Funded	94¾	N. Y. 6s, C. L., 1876	107¼
Ark. 7s, L. R. & F. S. Ins.	56	N. Y. 6s, C. L., 1875	107¼
		N. Y. 6s, C. L., 1878	101
		N. Y. 6s, C. L., 1877	107¼
		N. Y. 6s, C. L., 1876	107¼
		N. Y. 6s, C. L., 1878	101
		N. Y. 6s, C. L., 1879	101

And the following for the Railway Mortgages:

N. Y. Cen. 6s	90	Tol. & Wab. 1st Ext.	85¾
N. Y. Cen. 6s, '87	90	T. & W. Ist, Sd. L. div.	83¾
N. Y. Cen. 6s, Exch.	90	T. & W. Wab. 8s	70
N. Y. Cen. 6s, Subscr'n	90	T. & W. Equip. bds.	70
N. Y. Gen. 7s	108	Mar. & Cin. 1st	85
Erie 1st Ext.	101¼	Gt. West. 1st, '93	91
Erie 2d	84	Gt. West. 2d	72
Erie 2d 7s, '76	93	Quincy & Tol. 1st	95¾
Erie 1st 7s	93	Ill. Cen. sterling	85
Erie 6th 7s, '80	93	Gal. & Chic. Ext.	100
Erie 6th 7s, '80	93	Gal. & Chic. 1st	100
E. N. Y. & E. 1st, '77	93¾	Obio, Rock I. & Pac.	101¾
Long Dock Bonds	93	Morris & Essex 1st	97
H. & H. 7s, 2d, '76	104¼	Morris & Essex 1st	97
H. & H. 7s, 2d, '76	104¼	Mil. & St. P. Pref.	86
Hackensack 7s	103¾	Mich. S. & N. Ind.	86
Dut. Ore. 7s	97	Chic. & Alton 1st	107
Albany & Sus. 2d Mort.	98	Chic. & Alton Sk.	107
Albany & Sus. 1st Mort.	98	Chic. & Alton Sk.	107
Clev. & P. D. & Ft. W.	110	Chic. & Alton Sk.	107
Mich. Cen. 8s	97	Chic. & Alton Sk.	107
N. Jer. R. & T. 8s	102¾	Clev. & Pitts. 7s	100
Pac. R. Extend 7s	103¾	Clev. & Pitts. 7s	100
Union Pac. 1st bds.	87	Chic. & Alton Sk.	107
Union Pac. L. G. 7s	91½	Chic. & Alton Sk.	107
Union Pac. 1st 7s	91½	Chic. & Alton Sk.	107
Ill. Cen. 7s, '76	93	Chic. & Rock Isl. Con.	104
Alton & T. H. 1st	87	Dub. & Sioux City 1st	93¾
Alton & T. H. 2d Mort.	77	St. L. & Iron Mt. 1st	91¾
Chic. & N. W. Con. bds.	90¾	Mil. & St. P. 1st Sk.	110¾
Chic. & N. W. Sk.	83¾	Chic. & Mil. 1st	110¾
Chic. & N. W. Con. bds.	90¾	Mil. & St. Paul 2d	89
Chic. & N. W. Sk. bds.	83¾	Madison & Ohio 1st	110
Chic. & N. W. 1st	83¾	New-York & N. H. 6s	98
Han. & St. Jos. Conv.	105¾	Cedar Falls & M. 1st	85
Del., Lack. & W. 1st	101		
Del., Lack. & W. 2d	100		

And the following for the City Bank Stocks:

New-York	132	Bk'r of North America	104¾
Manhattan	119	Metropolis	104¾
Mechanics	147	Metropolitan	127
Union	140	People's	146

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COMMERCIAL AFFAIRS.

NEW-YORK, Wednesday, Aug. 2, 1871.

The receipts of the principal kinds of Produce since our last have been as follows:

Flour, bbls.	20,000	Spirits Turp., bbls.	647
Flour, hf-bbls.	2,000	Rosin, bbls.	1,000
Cotton, bales	547	Pork, pkgs.	1,200
Copper, bbls.	122	Cut meats, pkgs.	120
Copper, pkgs.	11	Lard, pkgs.	1,000
Dried Fruit, pkgs.	11	Tobacco, pkgs.	1,000
Grass, bbls.	1,000	Butter, pkgs.	1,000
Flour, bbls.	10,100	Cheese, pkgs.	16,617
Wheat, bushels	11,000	Tallow, pkgs.	1,000
Rye, bushels	2,000	Lard, pkgs.	1,000
Oats, bushels	11,000	Spelter, pkgs.	20
Malt, bushels	700	Sumac, pkgs.	20
Flax-seed, bags	1,000	Tin, bxs. and bbls.	1,000
Grass-seed, bags	1,000	Tobacco, bales	1,000
Corn-meal, bbls.	1,000	Tobacco, hhds.	1,000
Hops, bales	175	Whisky, bbls.	1,000
Leather, sides	11,000	Whisky, hhds.	1,000

The export clearances since our last, as reported at the Merchants' Exchange, Fine-street, have been as follows:

By the steamer *Colorado*, for Liverpool—4,329 boxes Cheese, 500 pkgs. Leather, 1,000 bbls. Flour, 215 boxes Bacon, 60 bales Leather, 150 bales Cotton, 175 pkgs. Paper, 1,000 bbls. Tobacco, 10,278 bushels Wheat, 30 hhds. Tallow, 142 pkgs. Butter, 10 tcs. Beef.

By the steamer *Ontario*, for Glasgow—1,000 bbls. Flour, 10,000 bushels Wheat, 16,916 bushels Corn, 20 pkgs. Tobacco, 159 bbls. Pork, 3 bbls. Tallow, 1 package Sundries, 27 casks Oil, 30 boxes Bacon, 45 bushels Rye, 50 pkgs. Butter, 134 pkgs. Flour.

By the bark *Nordland*, for Portsmouth, England—1,000 bushels Corn.

By the brig *Jeanette*, for Bilboa—600 bbls. Naphtha, 1,000 barrels Naphtha, 500 bbls. Refined Petroleum.

By the brig *Jeanette*, for Malaga—700 bbls. Petroleum, 644 cases Petroleum.

ASHES—Have been saleable and steady at from $6 00@6 05 for 1st sorts, and at $5 90@5 95 for Pearls, 2d sorts.

COFFEE—Has been firm but not generally active. Sales have been reported of 1,500 bags Rio by the cargo on private terms. Of the offerings on Saturday, at auction, 1,000 bags Rio, and 1,000 bags Laguayra, and 1,000 bags Java, were withdrawn the bulk, only 136 bags having been sold, as reported in our issue of yesterday. Coffee in first hands yesterday (our detailed statement was revised sub. 12 M. this morning) was 132,000 bags and 48,038 mats, against 120,807 bags and 39,714 mats same date last year; 1871, 1870, 1869, 1868, 1867, 1866, 1865, 1864, 1863, 1862, 1861. Laguayra, 12¾c. Rio, 12¾@12¾c., on floats; Maracaibo, 12¾c. Java, 24@25c. Jamaica, 15c. Singapore, 17c. Costa Rica, 12¾@13c. Mocha, 24c. Ceylon, 18c. Porto Rico, 13c. Savanilla, 12¾c. Aspinwall, 12¾c. San Domingo, in bond, 11¾c.

COTTON—There has been less inquiry for early delivery on the basis of yesterday's quotations, closing fair and rather weak. Sales, 1,200 bales, including 100 bales for October, at 19¾c.; 100 bales, including 50 bales in transit, for forward delivery, at 19¾c.; and 100 bales, including last evening, for August, 200 bales at 20¼c.; 100 bales at 19 7-16c., September, 200 bales at 19¼c., 200 bales at 19 3-16c., 100 bales at 19¼c., October, 200 bales at 19 1-16c., 100 bales at 19c., November, 100 bales at 18 15-16c., 100 bales at 18¾c., December, 100 bales at 18 13-16c., together; November, 100 bales at 18¾c., December, 100 bales at 18¾c., January, 100 bales at 18 13-16c., 100 bales at 18¾c., 100 bales at 18 7-16c., 100 bales at 18¾c., 100 bales at 18 5-16c., 100 bales at 18¾c., 100 bales at 18 3-16c., 100 bales at 18¼c., 100 bales at 18 1-16c., 100 bales at 18c., 100 bales delivered on, at 18¼c., 100 bales each August, September, October, November, December, January, and February, 100 bales at 18¾c., together; September, 100 bales at 18¾c., 200 bales at 18 11-16c., 100 bales at 18 5-8c., 200 bales at 18 9-16c., 100 bales at 18½c., 100 bales at 18 7-16c., 100 bales at 18 3-8c., 100 bales at 18 5-16c., 100 bales at 18¼c., 100 bales at 18 3-16c., 100 bales at 18 1-16c., 100 bales at 18c., 200 bales at 17 15-16c., 100 bales at 17¾c., together; November, 200 bales at 18¾c., together; December, 100 bales at 18¾c., 100 bales at 18 13-16c., 100 bales at 18¾c., 100 bales at 18 11-16c., 100 bales at 18 5-8c., 100 bales at 18 9-16c., 100 bales at 18½c., 100 bales at 18 7-16c., 100 bales at 18 3-8c., 100 bales at 18 5-16c., 100 bales at 18¼c., 100 bales at 18 3-16c., 100 bales at 18 1-16c., 100 bales at 18c., 200 bales at 17 15-16c., 100 bales at 17¾c., together; November, 200 bales at 18¾c., together; December, 200

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SCHNEIDER. Leading characters by Messrs. J. Allen, Pearson, and Miss Fannie Evans.

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NEWS OF THE DAY.

EUROPE.

The rumored incendiary scheme of the International Society has resulted from the French Government as an order forbidding vessels laden with petroleum to ascend the Seine to Rouen. Agents of the Society have appeared in Barcelona, Spain, and supplied with funds. M. ROUL, a leader of Marseilles Communists, is sentenced to death. Only four officers and 70 privates in hospital, and two officers and seventy private condemned for various offenses, now remain in Germany. M. DE RAINEVAL is spoken of as M. FAVRE'S successor in the French Foreign Office. The "Left Centre" have overthrown M. THIERS' powers and changing his title to "President." M. THIERS threatened to place the resignation of the Government in the hands of the Assembly, in consequence of the defeat of the Decentralization bill. The shade of yesterday announces that the members of the Republican Left have rejected a proposition for a fusion with the Extremists. The Algerian insurgents burn forests and commit horrible atrocities, and create considerable alarm in Paris.

Mr. DALRYMPLE, Member of Parliament from Bath, and formerly an eminent surgeon and physician, is to visit the United States to study the American system of treating inebriates. The appointment of Mr. T. F. WADE as successor to Sir RUTHERFORD ALCOCK, as British Minister to China, is published officially. A grand banquet will be given in London on the 16th inst., in celebration of the centenary of Sir WALTER SCOTT'S birth. HEPWORTH DIXON will preside.

Armed Germans having crossed the Jura frontier of Switzerland, the Swiss Government has protested to the Cabinet of Berlin against the violation of their territory. The report of a meeting between the Emperors of Austria and Germany soon to take place at Gastein, is repeated.

Two thousand Turkish troops have been sent against the insurgents in Albania.

GENERAL.

Secretary BOUTWELL says, in concluding his decision on the Kentucky claim: "After careful consideration, I am of the opinion that the act of July 27, 1861, does not authorize the Secretary of the Treasury to pay the claim of the State."

Chief SUPERVISOR, of the *Ville de Paris*, and Chief ENGR. HERON, of the *Delaware*, have our thanks for valued additions to our European files. Purser HAMMERSLEY, of the Havana steam-ship *Morgiana*, will also accept our thanks for favors.

A race for $10,000 a side has been made between *Longfellow* and *Kingfisher*, to be run at the August meeting in Saratoga.

At the trial of WM. A. GLOVER for the robbery of the Boylston Bank, in Boston, in 1866, the principal witness examined was THOMAS H. PEARL, through whose agency a considerable portion of the stolen bonds were sold in this City.

EDWARD CRANE, for many years in charge of the business of the branch of the Lebanon Shakers, known as the "Brick-yard Family," is said to have absconded on Saturday night, and is believed to be a defaulter to the amount of $15,000 or $20,000.

A freight train came in collision with a passenger train, yesterday, on the Wilmington and Reading Railroad, killing one of the engineers, wounding several brakemen, and wrecking the engines and cars of both trains.

About thirty persons showed signs of poisoning at the Alhambra Hotel, Atlantic City, N. J., on Tuesday, after eating corn-starch pudding at dinner. No deaths have occurred. A discharged servant is suspected of having placed arsenic in the corn starch.

The Secretary of the Interior has given decisions on the claims of MCGARRAHAN and the New-Idria Mining Company to mineral lands in California, which deny the pretensions of both claimants. Under these decisions, the property in dispute virtually reverts to the United States. This disposition of the long-standing cases is understood to be final, unless the New-Idria Company may be allowed to prove a claim to as much land as the mineral law act of 1866 allows, 200 feet. They claim at present 600 acres.

Camp Grant has been selected by Mr. VINCENT COLYER as the point to which such Apaches as may seek the protection of the Government may come.

A SIMPLE STORY

LOOK ON THIS PICTURE:

Secret Service Case.

Dec. 31, 1869.....	$31,400,000
April 30, 1871.....	34,941,190
Increase in 28 months..	$3,541,190

AND ON THIS:

Same of the United States.

March 4, 1869.....	$2,322,427,370
Aug. 1, 1871.....	2,322,236,879
Decrease in 29 months	$249,126,491

"Tammany's Explanations."

The New-York Tribune appears to be the chosen organ for the official explanations of the Tammany gang. The *World* is at good as dead; the *Herald* is suspected. The Tribune is Republican, and therefore "safe." So whenever HALL, CONNOLLY & Co. desire to "make a statement," they invariably do it from the Tribune pulpit. So be it—let every organ do what it believes to be right. We do not presume to find fault with our contemporary. In accordance with its present mission, the *Tribune* of yesterday published the following:

"It is claimed that the accounts of the Controller's office seem to be published will show that the accounts of that office, represented by the Times to cover only one year, extend over a period of nearly five years, and that the money paid was for work on buildings other than the New Court-house and the armories."

Not so.

We will use no strong language, because, as is very well known, the *Tribune* does not like it. It never called anybody hard names in its life. But we may be permitted to say a mask and gentle word or two in reference to the specimen above quoted.

1. "The accounts" represented by the TIMES to cover only one year."—We have represented *nothing*. The accounts we published specified when the work was done, and were copied direct from the Controller's books and warrants. The City authorities may try to garble their own figures now, and to alter the dates of the vouchers; but if the original warrants are produced, they will be found to bear the dates given in our columns. Why not show these warrants before the dates are altered?

2. The money was paid "for work on buildings other than the new Court-house and the armories."—What other buildings—TWEED'S "palatial mansion," or the American Club? Let the *Tribune* get its friends to mention the buildings on which work was done?

3. The work extends "over a period of nearly five years."—No matter how many years you choose to take, we want to know whether the work was ever done at all? Did your friend KEYSER really earn the $1,221,517 78 which he received for plumbing, &c., in two years? Are those carpets, shades, and curtains, to the value of $676,753, in the new Court-house? It is useless to talk about the number of years over which the work extended. What we allege is that the warrants signed by CONNOLLY and HALL were *fraudulent*; that J. H. INGERSOLL was not entitled to draw five and three-quarter millions of the public money; that HENNESSY & CASHMAN, who received large sums, cannot be found at all; that J. A. SMITH, who is said to have supplied the carpets, does not appear to have any existence; that BOLLAR & Co. are in the same melancholy plight; in fine, that the money was drawn under false pretences. We give you as many years as you like to ask for, and defy you to prove that the public ever profited by the work and goods, for which nearly TEN MILLIONS were charged and paid in 1869 and 1870.

The HALL & CONNOLLY firm may try to wriggle out of the evidence before the public, and get their "explanations" published in the *Tribune*, as one of the Corporation papers. But they cannot explain away the ugly facts that they signed warrants in favor of firms which were never heard of before, and which cannot be found now, and that the name of their tool, J. H. INGERSOLL, is on the books of warrants for five and three-fourths millions. Does anybody believe that they allowed J. H. INGERSOLL to walk off with all that money? If not, why did they allow it to pass through his hands? Will the *Tribune* tell the public where the firm of BOLLAR & CO. is to be found, and how much KEYSER has drawn from the City and county funds since he was first employed? If it will do this, it will be talking to the point, even if it does not render much service to the Ring.

The Worst of Good Nominees.

WILLIAM FOSTER, for having committed a brutal murder on a street-car while drunk, was sentenced, after a fair trial, to be hung on the 28th of July. Applications for a new trial were made to the Court before which the cause had been heard, and after due consideration refused. The motion was then renewed before another Judge in another district, who, whatever his ability, could scarcely have been able to decide on the merits of the case as well as the Judge who had heard it. Yet this Judge, by virtue of that anomaly in the law which permits a pernicious clashing of authority, overruled the judgment of his associate and gave WILLIAM FOSTER another chance for the life he had forfeited. He is now safe until the General Term sets in the Fall. Public interest will by this time have greatly subsided, and by help of the thousand devices of chicanery and corruption familiar to our Courts and prison-houses, he may yet go free. That is undoubtedly the hope on which the application for delay is based.

The limits of this fatal faltering with justice are already apparent. Within two days after WILLIAM FOSTER should rightfully have expiated his crime on the gallows, that crime was almost exactly repeated, but with two-fold atrocity. Two drunken scoundrels, last Sunday evening, jumped on the front platform of a Second-avenue car, and, with as little provocation as FOSTER had, began foully abusing the driver. He paid no attention to their taunts, and that only exasperated them the more. Just so was FOSTER'S drunken rage goaded into fury by his victim's indifference, and the result in both cases was the same. One of the scoundrels spat at last in the driver's face, and pushed him from the car. He fell, still clinging to the reins, and was dragged beneath the wheels of the car, which mangled him so shockingly that he died. In the scuffle a passenger, like Mr. CUTTING, a well-known merchant, was pushed off, and received injuries from which he can hardly recover. The murderers were not too drunk to fly at once, and they have not been caught. Possibly they never will be caught, and if they are, money and "influence" with the aid of skillful counsel and complaisant judges, will doubtless turn them loose to repeat the atrocity, and to encourage its repetition by others.

It may not be too much to say that this murder would not have occurred if the sentence of the law had been executed on WILLIAM FOSTER on the appointed day. We do not believe it would, and it is fair to presume that the immunity which FOSTER hopes for and has so far secured, must have had its influence on his fellow ruffians. Besides, for weeks before his reprieve, the papers were filled with all sorts of lachrymatical appeal for this cowardly assassin on the score that he was drunk, and knew not what he did.

No doubt the same pseudo sentimentality would espouse with equal zeal, and for the same reason, the cause of his villainous imitators. That these ill-judged intercessions also had their due share in causing last Sunday's butchery is probable enough. But a more direct and immediate responsibility is found in the criminal neglect of the car companies themselves; first, despite all warnings and remonstrances in permitting drunken men to ride on their cars; and second, in refusing to enclose their platforms. More than a year ago we suggested this reform—that the platforms should either be constructed so as to give standing room only to the driver and conductor, or else be inclosed by light iron gates. The latter device has, we believe, been applied on one of the City lines, but not on any of the chief ones. Had it been in use on the Second-avenue car, this shocking murder would not have occurred. Unless some provision of the sort is made voluntarily by the companies, it ought to be enforced at once, as in St. Louis, by legislative enactment.

And now we trust the people who have been instrumental in shielding FOSTER from the just consequences of his crime, and the directors whose parsimony and willful indifference to the public safety have directly contributed to this last outrage, will feel well satisfied with their work. But we should like to ask how much more blood must be spilled before our street cars will be made secure from the murderous violence of drunken bravoes?

The Growth of a Republic.

The constitutional changes which are in course of being effected in France are exceedingly interesting, and very little understood. People have jumped somewhat hastily to the conclusion that the continued absence of King or Emperor from the head of affairs in France is all that is required to make it a veritable Republic. Judged by our own standard, France is, at this moment, rather less of a Republic than England. In the one case, there is a monarch who reigns, but does not govern; in the other, there is a chief of the State invested with administrative functions which are essentially imperial. The Decentralization bill which has just been rejected by the Assembly, was an effort to make France a Republic in fact, as well as in name. The importance attached to it by M. THIERS is one of the best proofs he has yet given of his loyalty to the principles of popular government. Its rejection by the Assembly, is a very strong evidence of the continued existence in that body, of a majority who are in no sense republican in sentiment.

To appreciate the constitutional problem at present before the French people, it must be borne in mind, that while our own institutions have been developed out of the freedom of local self-governing communities, theirs have emerged from the wreck of a time-worn régime of feudal subjection, replaced by a highly-centralized system of Imperialism. In spite of the many changes of Government which France has seen during the past seventy years, her administrative machinery has been wonderfully little altered. The "old France" came to an end in 1789, the new, in an administrative sense, was constituted by the law of the 28 Pluviose, year VIII., (Feb. 17, 1800,) under the auspices of First Consul BONAPARTE. Curiously enough, the cities of France had, under the pre-revolutionary BOURBONS, local liberties of a more extensive character than they at present possess. At that time, there existed municipalities which preserved that entire local independence which had come down to them with their ancient Roman Constitutions, and there were some which had conquered from their feudal Lords the right of governing themselves. The law of the year VIII. substituted for the old system, as amended by the States General, in 1789, an "administrative hierarchy" which was exceedingly symmetrical and centralized to the core. This system is, with slight alterations, the order of things which French statesmen are at present endeavoring to recast. Its constitution is briefly as follows: An Executive Chief to the State, surrounded by Ministers chosen by himself for each branch of administration. The territorial divisions of the country were departments, with a Prefect at the head of each, appointed by the central authority; arrondissements with Sub-Prefects, also appointed officers, at their head; and Communes, with Mayors, chiefly appointed officers, as their executive agents. Each of these territorial officers was aided in the discharge of his functions by certain so-called councils, some of the members of which were appointed, and the others elected by universal suffrage. The following definition of the Mayor may serve as a key to the entire system: "He is the connecting link between the Administration and the people. It is, generally speaking, his duty to see to the effectual execution of the laws, decrees and ordinances of the superior authority. Although, in hierarchical order, he is subordinate to the Sub-Prefect, Prefect and Minister, his powers are both various and extended, though restrained within the limits of his Commune."

A French Republic which accepts such a system wants the first element of popular liberty—the responsibility of local officials to the community whose affairs they direct. It wants the first requisite of stability, in staking the very existence of the State upon the maintenance of the central authority. It lacks the best guarantee for progress, which consists in every citizen being directly identified with the welfare of the community to which he belongs, and feeling himself directly responsible for its good government. A similar effort to that which is now being made to decentralize the French administrative system, was partially successful in 1848. Under the Republican Constitution then established, it was provided that the Municipal Councils should be elected by universal suffrage, and that the members of those bodies should, thereafter, elect from among their own number, the Mayor and his adjoints. The Councils-General of the Departments could not be dissolved unless by the advice of the Council of State, and the Elective Councils generally, were removed from the control which the subordinates of the central authority exercised over them. The bill which has just been thrown out by the French Assembly, aimed at somewhat similar changes, and had the additional recommendation of removing local taxation almost entirely beyond reach of the mandate of the National Government. That the Assembly should have failed to see the necessity of so vital a reform, affords another proof of their unfitness to draw up a Constitution for the Republic which the French people have decreed, and which they seem honestly resolved to maintain.

A Staten Island Bridge.

The disastrous affair of the *Westfield* will probably have two immediate effects. In the first place it may justly be hoped that it will induce steamboat-owners and engineers to exercise redoubled caution against a possible repetition of the accident. And whether this is the case or not, Secretary BOUTWELL promises to supplement with increased official care any private negligence. The orders he has issued for a new general inspection of steam-boats throughout the country, if faithfully carried out by Inspector-General BELKNAP and his subordinates, will do much to avert a similar catastrophe in future.

But these precautions, after all, will not entirely satisfy the dwellers on Staten Island. In spite of every precaution, the calamity that has happened once may happen once more, and it will be impossible ever again, certainly not for a very long time, to use this ferry, if indeed any ferry leading from New-York, without some degree of uneasiness. The charm of the pleasant afternoon and morning sail across the lovely bay is sadly marred by this appalling memory, and the most enthusiastic lover of marine views will prefer the safety of a land journey to the risk of so dark a fate as befell the hapless passengers of the *Westfield*. The natural results of this disquietude will be in all probability a revival of the project started some time since, and abandoned for what reason we do not know, of a Staten Island bridge. Why there should not be such a structure, indeed, it is difficult to see. That there will be one in time there can be very little doubt. From the north shore of the island across the Kill von Kull to the nearest point of New-Jersey is comparatively a short distance, and a railroad thence to Jersey City would bring the island nearer to New-York in point of time than it is at present.

Moreover, waiving the question of safety, the Staten Island Ferry service is, in many respects, unsatisfactory. From the north shore no boat leaves the island later than 6 o'clock, nor from the south shore after the hour of 10 on week days or 8 on Sundays. The hourly trips are not always adequate to the public needs, as is proved by the addition of the ill-fated *Westfield* herself as an extra or "half-hour" boat. A bridge would greatly promote the convenience of the Islanders, and add much to the value of their real estate. It is therefore tolerably certain that in the present temper of the public the notion of a bridge will be taken up with renewed ardor, and with unusual prospects of success.

Sinking Bad Words.

"It is absurd," says the unhappy *World*, "to arraign the new City Government for things which took place under the confessedly intolerable system it superseded. The new charter opened a new set of books, and by what is recorded in them it will be acquitted or condemned."

"True," says a thief, "I stole your horse yesterday. But you are not to trouble me about that. I have opened a new set of books, and it is by what I am going to do hereafter that you are to judge me. Don't make an absurd and vituperative clamor about your old horse."

But it is not the new charter which is now in question. That has a right to a fair trial, and may be judged in 1873, as the *World* remarks. It is the conduct of the men who hold office under it which is impeached. They are openly charged with corruption, dishonesty, a scandalous waste of the public funds. It is no answer to say that the new charter has not been fairly tried; for the new charter has nothing to do with the question which alone is before the public—whether HALL, CONNOLLY, TWEED, SWEENY, and their associates are honest men; whether they have or have not deliberately robbed the City Treasury.

It is not even a fact that the charges against them concern only their conduct under the old charter. It is not easy to get at the City accounts under the new system; but look at these things:

1. Yesterday we printed the regular monthly debt statement of the Federal Secretary of the Treasury. Such a statement is made up to the last day of every month, and is published in the papers of the first week in the following month. The public like those of Vineland in New-Jersey, allow no grog-shops, and if they don't like them they will also by law make liquor peddlers. Altogether, it is supposed that the enterprise promises to become prosperous.

Such projects have a greater promise of success now than formerly, because the railroads and the telegraph everywhere follow the settler, and enable him to quickly and cheaply reach a market for his products, as well as for the articles he needs. Formerly, a colony settling itself in a wilderness was surrounded by a wilderness for many years. Now, the town is hardly built, and the ground is scarcely reduced to tillage, before the scream of the locomotive is heard.

But such schemes need wise business management; and if ought not to be concealed from men and women of small means who engage in them, that some hardships, and perhaps many disagreeable surprises are before them, and that industry, economy, and correct living, are even more important in new countries than in old. It is not unlikely, if half a dozen of these western colonies achieve a decided success, that this method of migration may become customary, and even that speculators may take advantage of it to throw the credulous and too hopeful. The transportation of a tolerably well organized community to a new country, is doubtless the best and most economical way of settling our wild lands. We wonder that the Pacific Railroad Companies have not paid some attention to plans of the kind for the disposal of their lands. Many of the steadships and deprivations of frontier life may be avoided by the co-operation of a number of families in the purchase and settlement of a large tract of land; schools churches and other means of social enjoyment and improvement become possible at once; and, what is of equal importance, a colony may give the right tone and spirit to a whole region, and, by its superior moral order and industry, impress even upon the older settlers good habits.

But the question of location needs to be carefully studied by experienced and honest leaders; climate, soil, healthfulness, the supplies of fuel and water, the accessibility of good markets, and the character of the surrounding population, all have important bearings upon the success or failure of such enterprises; and even with the aid of rail-road and telegraph, it will be no easy to fail as to succeed.

It appears that the call for a public meeting, which we published yesterday, was signed under a misapprehension. The gentlemen not will be found in our columns today, and we recommend the gentlemen who were induced to sign this other call to withdraw from that, otherwise the two meetings will clash. We have reason to believe that the list published yesterday was got up by MCNAMARA SIMMS, the fugleman of the Ring. Of the last the gentlemen who signed the paper presented to them were ignorant. The genuine meeting will probably be held next Monday—and we hope the call for it will receive many additions to the long list of names already appended to it.

MINOR TOPICS.

There are very many in this City who will regret to hear of the safe arrival from abroad of Mr. ISAAC H. BAKER. He has returned at a time when men of his character are much needed—when energy, courage, and truthfulness such as he possesses may serve to bring up the well meaning, but timid, to the support of a good cause. A handful of men like Mr. BAKER can easily turn the fortune of the Ring into a total rout. The *Herald*, which industriously lied the week of HALL and CONNOLLY, published the other day a stupid story about Senator CREAMER and Mr. BAKER. The latter was explaining to two American gentlemen, who reside in London, the present position of Tammany, when CREAMER came up and need some insulting expressions, after which he sneaked from the room. The truth was that CREAMER verified the old saying that listeners hear no good of themselves. If he objects to hearing his Ring associates called thieves, he had better keep out of New-York for some time to come. We have stated them as thieves, and intend to keep on doing so, and if CREAMER is particularly anxious to be included in the crew, he can very easily be accommodated. There are some facts connected with CREAMER'S connection with the Ring which CREAMER himself would probably scarcely like to have exposed.

Mr. CHARLES DYER, who recently died at the age of eighty-five years, in this State, was the engineer of FULTON'S little trial steamer, the *Clermont*, when she made her first trip from New-York to Albany, on the 7th of August, 1807. What immense and wonderful changes this gentleman saw, in the sixty-four years of his life, after that day. He lived to see our rivers covered with steamers; he may have read the words of LARDNER, who offered, if a steam-ship should safely cross the Atlantic, to eat her boilers; and he saw a daily steam-ferry established across the ocean. He was a man almost in middle life when the first railroad was laid, and the first locomotive run over it, in the United States; and he lived to see a railroad built across the Continent, and his fellow-citizens making a pleasure tour of a few miserable days across the great desert which appalled LEWIS and CLARKE, and on which so many thousands have perished, in later days, of starvation. Having managed FULTON'S first rude steam-engine, he lived to see a great war largely carried on by the help of steam, and the possession of steam-ships and locomotives controlling its issues. He lived in fact, to see steam, which he helped FULTON to utilize, control and change our civilization, annihilate distance, and bring the ends of the earth together. How strangely it reads to us, who have been so long accustomed to the use of the wonderful invention, that the first engineer of the first steamboat has but just died.

As Hartford is hereafter to be the only capital of Connecticut, it must of course have a new State-house. The Connecticut Legislature appropriated half a million to build it, and the City of Hartford is to give half a million more. We trust the new State-house will not be an expensive, or astonishing building, as our late Court-house. But was it from prophetic foresight or hope of this new undertaking that Governor HOLLEY of Connecticut, in his message to the Legislature, this year, urged the necessity of a new State-house? If it be true that the "Ring" have been buying up at the price of old iron, the condemned parts of the Arms gun thrown out from the Springfield Armory, with which they desire to supply the National Guard with new arms, it will only be of a piece with the swindles practiced upon the City in fitting up and furnishing the armories.

One has only to turn to the new number of *Harper's Weekly* to realize the value of honest effective service in a good cause. The *Weekly* contains an able review of the situation of Tammany, which will be found elsewhere. It also prints our two points in the war against the Ring, in little device therein that are worth volumes. One, by BELLEW, discloses the MAYOR'S position. He is represented still waiting in 1901 for "Time to vindicate him." He has shrunk to the thin and shiny pampered pantaloon, rests wearily on his staff, and shows uneasily on a pyramid of Mothersill, a picture of the Pyramids and the rear of a fossil skeleton of some pre-Adamite animal—gentle reminders of the age he will attain if he lives till "Time vindicates" him. The other, by NAST, brings out the position of the true-hearted Editor of the *Bronson*, who weeps over the prostrate Mayor (Mare) and the sweating CONNOLLY, while the tops of SWEENY'S and TWEED'S heads appear above the State. The title of the sketch is "Not a Reliable Case," and Mr. GOODELL is represented as representing the "strong" language of the TIMES. The general design, moreover, which make *Harper's* so effective has more than usually good. There are three illustrations of so many phases of New-York life. The most elaborate, by Mr. HAPP, portrays the miseries of "Out of Town" compared with the delights of home. On the one hand are the torments of baggage, the pains of unpunctuality, the grumbling of rapid transit, the taking in a wash-bowl with a sea-trow, the drunkenness, the noise, the overlooking crowd. On the other are the luxuries of the ample dining-room, the well-served meal, the hallowy and lounging room, the comfort, the elegance, the exclusion of hosts. The moral of this picture will be felt by everybody who has spent a day in town in search of pleasure. The number of *Harper's* deserves, in its artistic merit, a large sale.

The *Golden Age*, edited by Mr. THEODORE TILTON, is, now, one of the ablest and most interesting newspapers of the day. It is, for example, in every way superior to the Chicago Union, Mr. BUSHNELL'S paper, which has only half a page every week for Twaddle. The paragraphs on the first page of the *Golden Age* are full of life and vigor, the editorials are excellent, and the news is copious and well selected. Altogether, the *Golden Age* clearly deserves to make its way.

The Surrogate of Chenango County, in this State, has now before him a case of peculiar interest, as involving the right of a father to disinherit his children because of their political principles. He has the last DANIEL CRANDALL of Guilford, executed a will of which the following is a clause:

"Believing that the natural consequences of actions based upon the principles of the political creed or belief entertained by my children and daughters, GORHAM A. WOOD and EMMY HOUGH, have been and are so largely increasing taxation, it is my will that the amount of taxes paid by me since 1861, and to be hereafter paid by my executors on my account, or on account of property now or hereafter owned by me, be considered as having been paid for and on the account of my said son and daughters, GORHAM A. WOOD and EMMY HOUGH, and it is my will, and I hereby direct that I receive nothing from my estate, either real or personal."

The validity of the instrument is disputed on the grounds that it is "wholly wanting in testamentary and kindly affection to several of the children of the deceased, and in the offspring of a deceased child, in regard to the political condition of the country." It seems that the late Mr. CRANDALL was so violent in his opposition to the war for the union of the States, and carried his prejudices to such a length, as to threaten to disinherit his daughters in the event of their marrying Republicans, which they did do. His wishes to the contrary notwithstanding. Hence the clause in question. The testimony of a number of witnesses goes to prove that the deceased continued to show his hostility to the present Administration up to the last moments of his life, and that he had frequently expressed regret in the Federal officials had not allowed a jury to "turn buzzards at the South. The arguments, for and against, have caused a good deal of discussion, particularly among the residents of Guilford, of both political parties, by whom the decision is eagerly looked for.

OBITUARY.

Prosper Mérimée.

We regret to announce the death of FRANÇOIS ALEXANDRE NICOLAS CHERI MÉRIMÉE, the eminent Professor of Lyric Declamation at the Paris Conservatoire. Born at Soissons on Dec. 19, 1811, he quickly won for himself a name as a singer and a teacher of singing. He studied at the Conservatory from 1826 to 1831, subsequently, we have heard at the Opera Comique for some time. He afterward devoted himself to private classes, several celebrities of the stage, and many of the professional amateurs families in Paris, numbering his pupils. As a composer and author he is known by several romances, and by a compilation, under the title of "Archives of Song" of music possess historical interest, as involving the right of a father to disinherit his children because of their political principles. He has the last DANIEL CRANDALL of Guilford, executed a will of which the following is a clause:

THE GENUINE CALL.

Public Movement for Investigation into the City Accounts.

A List of Leading Citizens Who Demand Inquiry.

The following call has been circulated during the last few days, and is now published, accompanied by the chief signatures thereto, in order to prevent further misconception regarding the purposes of those who are endeavoring to mislead the public by obtaining signatures to a document drawn up by men who profess to court investigation for the purpose of stifling it. On behalf of many names appended to the call published yesterday, all complicity is hereby disavowed in the intentions of those who secured their signatures under false pretenses. Those who have not yet given public expression to this disavowal by transferring their signatures to the list given below, would do well to comply with the suggestion therein made, at once.

NEW-YORK, Aug. 1, 1871.

The undersigned invite all citizens of New-York, interested in the maintenance of good government, and an honest administration of the City finances, to attend a public meeting, to be shortly announced, at which action will be taken with the view of investigating the grave charges which have been publicly made against certain leading officials of the City:

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MARSHALL O. ROBERTS,
JOHN JACOB ASTOR,
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THE CASE REVIEWED.

The Times and Tammany.

From Harper's Weekly.

Republicans in other States have frequently complained that, although a great deal was said about the swindles of the Democratic City Government of New-York, the facts were wanting. It was in vain to reply that the authorities secreted everything, as they controlled everything, and that the proof must be found in such facts as the vast and inexplicable riches of those associated with that Government, who, a few years since, were poor men, and who had pursued no business but politics. It may be truly said that there was no confidence whatever in the leaders of the City Government, while it was very difficult to establish facts of which everybody was morally sure.

When any circumstance became very suspicious, like the long concealment of accounts by the Controller, and it was significantly urged that if all were right he would willingly invite public inspection, the difficulty was closed over by a report of gentlemen favorably known. Mr. MARSHALL O. ROBERTS, one of these gentlemen, now says that they examined only the accounts of the public debt and sinking fund, and that they did find those to be correct. But it would seem that Mr. ROBERTS and his friends should have known that the very object of obtaining a card from them, under the circumstances and at the time, was that it might serve as a general certificate of correctness in the Controller's department. It was made to serve that purpose. It was naturally and inevitably so understood by the public. It was accepted as an assertion that the suspicion of fraud was unfounded, and that every thing in the City accounts was honest and correct. Those gentlemen took an immense responsibility. Their intentions were undoubtedly good, but their action was lamentably unwise. They lulled suspicion, and papers of character, like the *Evening Post*, began to suggest that the City Government was slandered, and people who saw the City Parks renovated shrugged their shoulders and said, "Well, if we're cheated, we can at least see something for it."

Meanwhile the constant and unsparing denunciations in the NEW-YORK TIMES of the Democratic management of the City excited universal attention. They were so pointed and suggestive, yet so relentless, that the general feeling was that the paper was either utterly reckless, or that it understood itself perfectly. That its blows told was evident from the foolish charge of the organs of the Ring that its hostility was due to the refusal of the City to pay its bill for advertising, as if a journal like the TIMES would ruin itself for a bill of fifteen or twenty thousand dollars. Still further proof of the stinging effect of its attacks was offered in the notorious effort of agents of the Ring to buy an interest in the paper in order to get an injunction from one of the Ring judges to suspend and destroy it. This attempt was completely baffled. The value of the shares in the TIMES rapidly rose; and at a greatly enhanced price a sale was made to one of the original stockholders, so that more than four-fifths of the paper are now owned by two gentlemen who have been managing partners during the whole controversy with the Ring.

At last the TIMES published the facts, which were as utterly destructive of the claims of honesty and economy of administration as the Democratic surrender to the threats of a mob had been of its professions of regard for constitutional liberty. In successive issues the TIMES laid before the public literal copies of the Controller's accounts, by which it appears that during the years of 1869 and part of 1870 more than five and a half millions of dollars were paid to certain firms for furniture, carpenter-work, and carpetting for the new Court-house and for certain militia armories. The bill of one plasterer for work during a part of two months was nearly a million of dollars, and for "repairs" of county buildings two days in the winter he received $130,197 20, while for two years the bill for plastering was nearly $3,000,000. For furniture, "fittings up," &c., in the new Court-house alone during two years, more than $1,700,000 were paid to one firm. For another month's carpenter-work in the same Court-house in one of the same years, more than $300,000 were paid to another carpenter. And reckoning carpets at $5 a yard, the City authorities have paid money enough for carpeting in the new Court-house alone to have covered the whole City Hall Park three times over.

These are but examples of the details of these astounding frauds; and the exposure was too overwhelming to be borne with the silence of affected contempt. There were the names, the dates, the details, the figures. If they were false, the TIMES was ruined. Its judgment and its veracity could never again be trusted. If they were true, what was the explanation? How the country will observe that the accuracy of these enormous figures has not been denied! The TIMES charges that millions of dollars have been stolen from the tax-payers under pretense of paying for work done, and the Tammany Ring does not deny it. The TIMES calmly says that it accuses the authorities of theft. It invites a suit for libel. It asks only for the most solemn and public opportunity of proving the City authorities to be swindlers, and these authorities, up to the time of this writing, have neither denied the truth of the fatal figures nor summoned the TIMES to prove its assertions in court.

The Mayor, in a paper to which he is understood to contribute, jauntily denied that he and the Controller were guilty. He then asserted that the TIMES made the charges because the City authorities had withdrawn their advertisements from it; that it had "paid dishonest men" for information that the late Mr. RAYMOND was friendly to the Mayor; and that Mr. JONES, one of the proprietors of the TIMES, had insisted upon the payment of a bill from the City, which the Mayor did not deny was valid. This was the first response. But, of course, this kind of defense was destructive of those who offered it, and a day or two after the statement from the Mayor to the public issued from his office, which may be considered the official defense. The substance of it is—first, that the claims exposed by the TIMES, and which the Mayor admits "may have been exorbitant" (as for instance, $133,000 for two flights of stairs, which were examined by the late Board of Supervisors; and the Mayor and the Council for the Corporation hold that that audit was final, and that the Mayor's signature was merely ministerial; and second, that one of the proprietors of the TIMES, by his action to recover his own bill, really opened the doors to inroads upon the Treasury, and, if there has been swindling, has only himself to blame. Certainly, however, if the second is true, the first is false, for

AGRICULTURAL EXHIBITIONS.

Full and Accurate List of the Agricultural and Horticultural Exhibitions for 1871.

The following is a complete list of the various Agricultural Exhibitions to take place throughout the United States during the ensuing Autumn. The dates are from official sources, and may be relied upon:

STATE AND PROVINCIAL FAIRS.

Alabama State Agricultural Society.....Oct. 16, 20
American Institute, New-York City.....Sept. 7 to Nov. 3
Am. Pomological Society, Richmond, Va.....Sept. 6
Arkansas Agricultural Society, Little Rock.....Oct. 2, 7
California State Ag. Society, Sacramento.....Sept. 12, 23
Colorado Agricultural Society, Denver.....Sept. 13, 16
Dakota States Annual Exhibition, August.
Ga.....Oct. 31 to Nov. 4
Georgia Agricultural Society, Macon.....Oct. 23, 26
Illinois State Ag. Society, Du Quoin.....Sept. 27, 30
Illinois State Agricultural Society, Chicago.....Sept. 19, 21
Indiana Agricultural Society, Indianapolis.....Oct. 2, 7
Iowa, Cedar Rapids.....Sept. 19, 22
Kansas, Topeka.....Sept. 26, 29
Louisiana, New-Orleans.....Nov. 16, 27
Maryland, Baltimore.....Oct. 3, 6
Michigan, Kalamazoo.....Sept. 19, 22
Minnesota Pomological, Grand Rapids.....Sept. 12, 13
Minnesota, St. Paul.....Sept. 26, 29
Mississippi, Jackson.....Oct. 23, 28
Nebraska, Brownville.....Sept. 26, 29
New-Hampshire Ag. Society, Lowell, Mass.....Sept. 5, 8
New-Jersey State Ag. Society, Trenton.....Sept. 12, 15
New-Jersey State Ag. Society, Waverly.....Sept. 19, 22
New-Yorkstate Ag. Society, Albany.....Oct. 2, 6
Ohio State Ag. Society, Springfield.....Sept. 26
Pennsylvania Provincial, Philadelphia.....Sept. 15
St. Louis Association, St. Louis, Mo.....Oct. 2, 7
Tennessee, Nashville.....Sept. 25, 29
Vermont, St. Johnsbury.....Sept. 26, 29
Virginia, Richmond.....Oct. 31, Nov. 3
Virginia Horticultural, Richmond.....Sept. 6, 8
Wisconsin, Milwaukee.....Sept. 25, 29

COUNTY AND TOWN AGRICULTURAL AND HORTICULTURAL EXHIBITIONS.

Alabama.

Wolf Alabama Ag. Society, Eutaw.....Oct. 17, 21

Connecticut.

Hartford Agricultural Society, Hartford.....Sept. 26, 29
Middlesex, Middletown.....Sept. 26, 29
New-London, New-London.....Sept. 26, 29

Georgia.

Atlanta Agricultural Society, Atlanta.....Oct. 16, 20
Cherokee, Rome.....Oct. 18
Chattahoochee, Columbus.....Oct. 31, Nov. 4

Illinois.

Adams Agricultural Society, Quincy.....Sept. 4, 9
Carroll, Mt. Carroll.....Sept. 12, 15
Farmer Agricultural Society, Paris.....Sept. 12, 15
Forest, Cambridge Union.....Aug. 29, Sept. 1
Jackson, Murphysborough.....Sept. 20, 23
Jones County Agricultural Society, Aurora.....Sept. 26, 29
Kane Agricultural Society, Geneva.....Sept. 26, 29
La Salle, Ottawa.....Sept. 4, 8
Logan Agricultural Society, Lincoln.....Sept. 4, 8
Macon Agricultural Society, Decatur.....Sept. 12, 15
McLean, Bloomington.....Sept. 12, 15
Madison, Edwardsville.....Aug. 28, Sept. 1
McLean, Bloomington.....Sept. 12, 15
Morgan, Jacksonville.....Sept. 12, 15
Pike Independent Society, Pittsfield.....Sept. 26, 29
Richland, Olney.....Sept. 26, 29
Rock Island, Rock Island.....Aug. 30, Sept. 1
Shelby, Shelbyville.....Sept. 6, 10
Sebastian, Russell's Point.....Sept. 19, 22
Union Agricultural Society, Jonesborough.....Sept. 12, 15
Vermillion, Catlin.....Sept. 5, 7
Will Agricultural Society, Joliet.....Sept. 5, 8

Indiana.

Cambridge City, Wayne County.....Sept. 26, 29
Dearborn, Lawrenceburg.....Sept. 29
Fourth District, Attica.....Sept. 19, 22
Fayette, Connersville.....Sept. 5, 8
Gasport, Owen County.....Aug. 29, Sept. 1
Gibson Agricultural Society, Princeton.....Sept. 19, 22
Howard, Kokomo.....Sept. 26, 29
Hendricks, Danville.....Aug. 28, Sept. 1
Honey Creek, New-London.....Sept. 21
Hamilton Close.....Sept. 27
Indianola, Indianapolis.....Sept. 21, 29
Jefferson, Madison.....Sept. 19, 22
Lawrence Agricultural Society, Bedford.....Sept. 12, —
Monroe, Bloomington.....Sept. 20, 24
Monroe, Bloomington.....Sept. 5, —
Mooresville, Mooresville.....Sept. 19, 22
Parke, Bloomingdale.....Sept. 25, 28
Putnam, Greencastle.....Sept. 11, 16
Rush Agricultural Society, Rushville.....Sept. 12, 15
Schuyler, Watkins.....Sept. 26, 29
St. Joseph, South Bend.....Sept. 26, 29
Thornton Union, Thornton.....Sept. 28, 29
Vigo Agricultural Society, Terre Haute.....Sept. 5, 9
Wabash Agricultural Society, Wabash.....Sept. 19, 22

Iowa.

Adams Agricultural Society, Corning.....Sept. 4, 9
Anon Agricultural Society, Story County.....Sept. 19, 22
Benton, Vinton.....Sept. 26, 29
Boone, Boonesboro.....Sept. 14, 16
Delaware, Independence.....Sept. 12, 15
Delhi Agricultural Society, Tipton.....Aug. 29, Sept. 1
Cedar Valley, Cedar Falls.....Sept. 19, 21
Central, Des Moines.....Sept. 19, 21
Clarke Agricultural Society, Osceola.....Aug. 30, Sept. 1
Clinton Agricultural Society, Clinton.....Aug. 29, 1
Decatur Agricultural Society, Leon.....Sept. 14, 16
Des Moines, Burlington.....Oct. 3, 6
Hamilton City.....Sept. 12, 14
Henry, Mt. Pleasant.....Sept. 19, 22
Jefferson, Fairfield.....Sept. 26, 29
Lee, Fort Madison.....Sept. 26, 29
Mills Agricultural Society, Glenwood.....Sept. 19, 22
Mitchell, Osage.....Sept. 27, 29
Northeastern, Postville.....Oct. 4, 6
Northwestern, Cornell Grafs.....Oct. 4, 6
Scott, Davenport.....Sept. 26, 29
Tama Agricultural Society, Tama City.....Sept. 19, 21
Union Agricultural Society, Keokuk.....Aug. 29, Sept. 1
Wapella Agricultural Society.....Sept. 26, 29
Washington, Washington.....Sept. 26, 29
Wilton Union, Wilton.....Aug. 29, 30
Woodbury, Sioux City.....Sept. —

Kansas.

Blue and Kansas Valley, Manhattan.....Sept. 26, 29
Doniphan Agricultural Society, Troy.....Sept. 26, 29
Marshall Agricultural Society, Marysville.....Sept. 27, 30
Northern Agricultural Society, Atchinson.....Oct. —

Kentucky.

Bourbon Agricultural Society, Paris.....Sept. 5, 9
Boyle Agricultural Society, Danville.....Aug. —
Central Agricultural Society, Danville.....Sept. 19, 22
Harrison, Louisville.....Sept. 12, 15
Lincoln, Stanford.....July 27, 29
McCracken, Padneah.....Oct. 4, 6
Madison Agricultural Society, Richmond.....Aug. 8, 11
Marion Agricultural Society, Lebanon.....Aug. —
Mercer Agricultural Society, Harrodsburg.....Aug. 29, 30
Shelby, Shelbyville.....Aug. 29, Sept. 1
Warren, Bowling Green.....Sept. 19
Washington, Springfield.....Sept. 28

Maine.

Franklin, Farmington.....Oct. 4, 5
Franklin North, Strong.....Oct. 4, 5
Kennebec, Augusta.....Oct. 4, 6
Orland, Hancock County.....Sept. 26, 29
Penobscot Poultry, Bangor.
Waldo Agricultural Society, Belfast.....Sept. 27, 28

Massachusetts.

Barnstable, Barnstable.....Oct. 3, 4
Berkshire, Pittsfield.....Sept. 5, 6
Bristol Agricultural Society, Taunton.....Sept. 26, 29
Brazil Centre, Mystic.....Sept. 26, 29
Essex, Ipswich.....Sept. 26, 27
Franklin, Greenfield.....Sept. 26, 29
Hampshire, Franklin and Hampden, North-
ampton.....Oct. 5, 6
Highland, Middlefield.....Sept. 14, 15
Holliston, Great Barrington.....Sept. 27, 29
Hampden, Springfield.....Sept. 26, 27
Hampden, Springfield.....Sept. 26, 29
Hampden East, Palmer.....Oct. 10, 11
Hingham Agricultural Society, Hingham.....Sept. 26, 27
Housatonic Valley, Housatonic.....Sept. 19, 21
Middlefield, Middlefield.....Sept. 14, 15
Middlesex South, Farmingham.....Sept. 19, 20
Martha's Vineyard, West Pinhurst.....Oct. 17, 18
Nantucket, Nantucket.....Sept. 26, 29
Middlesex Agricultural Society, Concord.....Oct. 5, 6
Middlesex North, Lowell.....Sept. 27, 28
Nantucket, Nantucket.....Sept. 27, 28
Norfolk, Roxbury.....Sept. 26, 27
Plymouth Bridgewater.....Sept. 21, 22
Union Agricultural Society, Blanford.....Sept. 26, 27
Worcester Agricultural Society, Worcester.....Sept. 21, 22
Worcester North, Westminster.....Sept. 14, 15
Worcester South, Sturbridge.....Sept. 26, 29
Worcester West, Barre.....Sept. 19, 20
Worcester North, Fitchburg.....Sept. 26, 27
Worcester, South-east, Milford.....Sept. 26, 27
Worcester Horticultural, Worcester.....Sept. 19, 22

Michigan.

Branch Agricultural Society, Coldwater.....Oct. 4, 6
Central Michigan, Lansing.....Oct. 4, 6
Northern Michigan, Grand Rapids.....Sept. 12, 15

Minnesota.

Minnesota, Minneapolis.....Sept. 12, 17

Missouri.

Adrian, Mexico.....Aug. 16, 20
Boone Agricultural Society, Columbia.....Aug. 30, Sept. 2
Calloway, Fulton.....Aug. 22, 27
Cole Agricultural Society, Jefferson City.....Sept. 12, 17
De Kalb, Cameron.....Sept. 19, 22
Jasper Agricultural Society, Carthage.....Sept. 12, 15
Laclede, Lebanon.....Oct. 12, 13
Lafayette, Lexington.....Oct. 10, 13
Phelps, St. James.....Sept. 13, 16
Platte, Platte City.....Sept. 5, 10
Roanoke District, Roanoke.....Aug. 22, 27
South-eastern, Cape Girardeau.....Oct. 12, 14
Washington, Potosi.....Sept. 12, 15

Nebraska.

Douglass Agricultural Society, Omaha.....Sept. 19, 21

New Jersey.

Cape May, Seaville Station.....Sept. 6, 7
Salem Agricultural Society, Salem.....Sept. 21, 22

New-York.

Allegheny, Angelica.....Sept. 26, 29
Camden, Oneida County.....Sept. 12, 14
Chautauque, Jamestown.....Sept. 26, 28
Chenango, Bainbridge.....Sept. 19, 21
Chemung, Elmira.....Sept. 19, 21
Delaware Agricultural Society, Walton.....Sept. 26, 29
Huguenot Horticultural, Kingston.....Sept. 19, 21
Iroquois, Versailles.....Sept. 19, 22
Jefferson, Watertown.....Sept. 19, 21
Lewis Agricultural Society, Lowville.....Sept. 26, 29
Livingston, Geneseo.....Sept. 27, 29
Madison and Oneida County, Onondaga County.....Sept. 26, 28
Orleans Agricultural Society, Albion.....Sept. 21, 22
Otsego, Cooperstown.....Sept. 26, 29
Oswego Agricultural Society, Mexico.....Sept. 19, 21
Oswego Falls, Oswego County.....Sept. 12, 14
Palmyra, Wayne County.....Sept. 26, 29
Queens Agricultural Society, Mineola.....Sept. 27, 29
Rensselaer, Troy.....Sept. 6, 7
Schuyler, Watkins.....Sept. 26, 29
Schenectady, Glenville.....Sept. 26, 28
Schoharie, Otsego County.....Sept. 27, 29
Trenton, Oneida County.....Sept. 5, 7
Trumansburg, Tompkins County.....Sept. 26, 29
Washington, South Lawrence County.....Sept. 6, 7
Warren, Glens Falls.....Sept. 12, 15
Westchester, White Plains.....Sept. 26, 29
Western New-York, Rochester.....Sept. 26, 29

North Carolina.

Salisbury, Rowan County.....Oct. —

Ohio.

Allen Agricultural Society, Lima.....Sept. 21, 22
Brown, Georgetown.....Sept. 5, 8
Belmont, St. Clairsville.....Sept. 27, 28
Columbiana, New-Lisbon.....Sept. 26, 29
Carroll, Carrolton.....Sept. 26, 29
Cuyahoga, Cleveland.....Sept. 5, 9
Clarke, Springfield.....Sept. 5, 8
Clinton Agricultural Society, Wilmington.....Sept. 6, 7
Clermont Agricultural Society, Boston.....Sept. 12, 15
Erie Agricultural Society, Sandusky.....Oct. 3, 6
Fairfield Agricultural Society, Lancaster.....Oct. 11, 14
Fayette, Washington.....Sept. 26, 29
Franklin, Columbus.....Aug. 27, 28
Fremont Agricultural Society, Kansis.....Sept. 12, 15
Geauga, Cambridge.....Sept. 20, 21
Hardin, Kenton.....Sept. 5, 9
Henry Agricultural Society, Napoleon.....Sept. 19, 21
Huron Agricultural Society, Mt. Vernon.....Sept. 26, 29
Lucas Agricultural Society, Toledo.....Sept. 26, 29
Lake, Painesville.....Sept. 27, 29
Licking, Newark.....Oct. 3, 6
Logan, Bellefontaine.....Sept. 26, 29
Montgomery, Dayton.....Sept. 5, 8
Mercer County Agricultural Society, Marion.....Sept. 26, 29
Morrow, Mt. Gilead.....Sept. 26, 29
Miami Agricultural Society, Troy.....Oct. 4, 6
Northern Ohio, Cleveland.....Sept. 12, 15
Parkway, Chillicothe.....Sept. 19, 22
Perrys, New-Lexington.....Oct. 4, 6
Putnam, Ottawa.....Sept. 27, 29
Perry Agricultural Society, New-Lexington.....Oct. 4, 6
Ross Agricultural Society, Chillicothe.....Sept. 19, 22
Sandusky, Fremont.....Oct. 4, 7
Tuscarawas, Canal Dover.....Oct. 3, 6
Union, Marysville.....Oct. 4, 6
Wayne Agricultural Society, Wooster.....Oct. 3, 6
Warren, Lebanon.....Sept. 20, 22
Washington, Marietta.....Sept. 20, 22
Wyandotte, Upper Sandusky.....Oct. 12, 13

Pennsylvania.

Bucks Agricultural Society, Reading.....Sept. 12, 15
Bucks Agricultural Society, Newtown.....Sept. 26, 29
Central Pennsylvania, Altoona.....Sept. 12, 15
East Pennsylvania, Norristown.....Sept. 27, 30

Vermont.

Chittenden, St. Johnsbury.....Sept. 26, 29
Quitenden, Essex Junction.....Sept. 5, 8
Orange Agricultural Society, Bradford.....Sept. 26, 29
Orleans Agricultural Society, Barton.....Sept. 26, 29
Rutland Agricultural society, Rutland.....Sept. 13, 14
Washington, Windsor County.....Oct. 3, —

Virginia.

Augusta, Staunton.....Oct. —
Lynchburg, Lynchburg.....Oct. 24, 26
Rockingham, Harrisonburg.....Oct. 24, 26
Shenandoah Valley, Winchester.....Oct. 24, 26
South-western, Wytheville.....Oct. 11, 13

Wisconsin.

Fond du Lac County Ag. Society, Ripon.....Sept. 19, 21
Jefferson Agricultural Society, Jefferson.....Sept. 19, 21
Monroe, Sparta.....Sept. 19, 21
Northern Agricultural Society, Oshkosh.....Oct. 3, 6
Outagamie Agricultural Society, Appleton.....Oct. 3, 6
Sheboygan Ag. Society, Sheboygan Falls.....Sept. 12, 15
Southern Agricultural Society, Janesville.....Sept. 12, 15
Walworth Agricultural Society, Elkhorn.....Oct. 3, 6

Plain Speaking in Connecticut.

The announcement of the projected visit of the John J. Blair Association to Connecticut is published in the Bridgeport *Standard*, with the following remarks by the editor:

"Accompanying the above came a note requesting us to indorse these excursionists as gentlemen, saying that so many New-York roughs have started on similar excursions, this circumstance fears that it may be classed with that sort of people. We respectfully decline to lend our indorsement as requested, because we know nothing personally of the individuals composing this club, while the facts that it adopts the name of a New-York politician and also intends to visit Fifth Ave. Hotel at his late in Greenwich are decidedly derogatory to the respectability of the persons who are members of this club. Those who are willing to visit Boss TWEED socially, especially since the recent exposures in the NEW-YORK TIMES, should not ask to be regarded as gentlemen. We hope their visit to this city will be very brief."

REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS.

At the Exchange, yesterday, but few speculators or others were in attendance, and no sales of real estate were made. The only business, in fact, transacted during the day was a stock sale, at which the following securities were disposed of by MULLEN, WILKINS & CO. at the percentage prices noted: Ten shares Atlantic National Bank, par value $75 each, sold at 92½; thirty-three shares Continental National Bank, par $100 each, at 99½; forty shares Chatham National Bank, par $25 each, at 173½, and a bond and mortgage for $10,000, made by SIMON KAHN and WILLIAM KAHN, dated Nov. 24, 1870, and which matures on the 24th day of November, 1871, and is payable one year from the date thereof, sold for $8,800.

The sale of villa plots at East Orange, N. J., on Tuesday, conducted by A. D. MELLICK, Jr., & BROTHER, took place, as advertised, and the result was a gratifying success, 43 of the 61 plots offered being sold, or some 70 per cent of the whole, at good figures. The residences also offered were nominally put up for $12,000, as were also the eight remaining plots, but they were purchased, or rather retained in the interest of the owner of the property. The land was sold per foot front, and the prices ranged from $4.50 to $21.75 per foot. Good judges who attended report appended to the total sum realized for the plots as stated. The purchasers at the auction were as follows: New-York.—A. Auferman, E. H. Cross, J. Kurkuner, A. H. Harcy, N. Dassau, J. Grant, Eli Mooring and D. Voll. East Orange, N. J.—E. M. Harris, Thomas Burke, M. McLyons, D. J. Geery and Benjamin Mills. Orange, N. J.—John Pardue, J. Wilson and H. Cohan. Watsessing, N. J.—Wm. Miles, Anna Lake, C. Kurz, G. Bradley, E. D. Brown, Mrs. Wilde and J. W. Butterworth. Newark, N. J.—R. H. Morris. Jersey City.—W. H. Hillier. And Williamsburg, N. Y.—C. Heyer.

For Friday one or two sales of City realty are announced to take place at the Exchange; while at Ingleside, Queens County, near Jamaica, JOHNSON & MILNE will conduct the important executors' sale of 175 acres of land, belonging to the Wood farm, and heretofore referred to at length. For full particulars in regard to this auction, reference is made to our business columns.

Suburban Sales, Tuesday, Aug. 1.

EAST ORANGE, N. J.

By A. D. Mellick, Jr., & Bro.

Plot No. 1, s. s. Marcy-av., 372 ft. e. of Prospect st., 60x165.....$800
Plot No. 2, s. s. Marcy-av., adjoining above, same size.....825
Plots Nos. 3 and 4, s. s. Marcy-av., adjoining above, each same size, $600 each.....1,200
Plots Nos. 5 and 6, s. s. Marcy-av., adjoining above, each same size, $675 each.....1,350
Plot No. 7, s. s. Marcy-av., adjoining above, same size.....837
Plot No. 8, s. s. Marcy-av., adjoining above, same size.....750
Plots Nos. 9, 8, 7, Marcy-av., adjoining above, same size, $600 each.....1,800
Plots Nos. 10, 11, s. s. Marcy-av., adjoining above, each same size, $600 each.....1,200
Plot No. 12, s. s. Marcy-av., adjoining above, same size.....825
Plot No. 13, s. s. Marcy-av., adjoining above, same size.....837
Plots Nos. 14 and 15, s. s. Marcy-av., adjoining above, each same size, $600 each.....1,200
Plot No. 16, s. s. Marcy-av., adjoining above, same size.....750
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Plots Nos. 19 and 20, s. s. Marcy-av., adjoining above, each same size, $600 each.....1,200
Plot No. 21, s. s. Marcy-av., adjoining above, same size.....825
Plot No. 22, s. s. Marcy-av., adjoining above, 49x155.....441
Plot No. 23, n. w. corner Marcy-av. and Lawrence-st., 50x100, with dwelling.....810
Plot No. 24, s. s. Marcy-av., adjoining above, 50x100, with dwelling.....810
Plots Nos. 25 and 26, s. s. Marcy-av., adjoining above, each 50x about 100 ft. east of Lawrence-st., $600 each.....1,200
Plots No. 27, s. s. Marcy-av., and Harlow-st., adjoining above, same size.....675
Plot No. 28, n. w. corner Marcy-av. and Harlow-st., 47.4x150.....945
Plot No. 29, n. s. Marcy-av., adjoining above, Harlow-st., adjoining above, 50x100.....810
Plots Nos. 30, 31, Broadway-av., s. s. Marcy-av., adjoining above, each same size, $600 each.....1,200
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Plots Nos. 33 and 34, s. s. Marcy-av., adjoining above, each about same size, $675 each.....1,350
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Diagrams Illustrating the Fesce of the Explosion.

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The Coroner has commenced his preparations for the investigation on his part, and proposes to make it as thorough as the importance of the case demands.

ADDITIONAL DEATHS.

There were only two additional deaths from injuries reported at the Coroner's office, yesterday. These were ISAIAH ABBOTT, aged fifty-five years, a veterinary surgeon, who lived at the corner of Union-avenue and Grand-street, Williamsburg; and AUGUST GRATHLIN, a German, whose occupation is not stated, who lived at No. 426 Broome-street. PATRICK FINNEGAN, the fireman, died last night at Bellevue Hospital. He resided on Staten Island. His wife was present when he died. In addition to these there was a disfigured body found yesterday at Pier No. 4 East River, floating in the water, which the Police reported appeared to have been in the water a long time, but which was identified as that of BERNARD SMITH, aged thirty years, of No. 71 Hamilton-avenue, Brooklyn. The finding of the body made it certain, that five entire family had perished in the disaster, as the wife and two children, had been previously carried home dead from the Morgue. The funeral has been appointed for yesterday of the wife and children, but upon finding the body of the husband, a relative postponed the occasion until to-day, when the whole family will be buried in a common grave. MICHAEL KELLY, another of the victims, died at his residence, at the corner of Dock and Front-streets, Brooklyn, about 11 o'clock on Tuesday night. The total number of deaths now is eighty-two, and it is expected that this will be further increased by deaths in the hospital and by the finding of additional bodies in the river.

PREPARING FOR THE INQUEST.

Coroner KEENAN yesterday morning, began his preparations for investigating the Westfield explosion by summoning fifteen citizens, from whom a jury of twelve is to be selected. The following gentlemen were in attendance yesterday at Bellevue Hospital, and were sworn as jurors in the case: L. M. BATES, residence No. 10 West Thirty-ninth-street, importer of silks, Nos. 461 and 463 Broadway; GEO. E. NICHOLS, residence No. 122 West Forty-sixth-street, farmer at No. 477 Broadway; JOHN THOMPSON, residence No. 128 West Twenty-ninth-street, importer of fancy goods, at No. 461 Broadway; WILLIAM THOMPSON, residence corner of Emily and Commerce streets, Brooklyn, stock, at No. 26 Howard-street; L. H. ALLEN, residence No. 37 West Seventeenth-street, merchant, at No. 548 Broadway; J. H. MALLORY, residence No. 66 Pineapple-street, Brooklyn, merchant, at No. 489 Broadway; CHARLES T. DUBOIS, residence No. 406 Lexington-avenue, merchant, at No. 26 Merchant-street.

The following gentlemen have also been summoned, and from among them the remaining five members will be selected: J. L. PERRINE, residence Glenwood, N. Y., music publisher, No. 489 Broadway; JOHN FOLEY, gentleman No. 39 East Seventy-third-street, gold pens, No. 252 Broadway; E. L. SHERMAN, residence No. 122 West Forty-fourth-street, of firm of HERRING & Co., No. 261 Broadway; C. L. RICHARDS, of No. 8 West Thirty-ninth-street, of Machine Belting Company, No. 37 Park-row; EDWARD L. SWEENEY, of No. 120 East Eighty-third-street, gentleman, at No. 126 Chambers-street; CHARLES KIRTLAND, residence Clarendon Hotel, ornamental lead-founder, No. 4 Reade-street; JAMES BETON, of No. 119 East Eighteenth-street, hardware merchant, No. 59 Chambers-street; HENRY MCKEAN, of No. 297 West Twenty-fourth-street, foreman of machine-shop, No. 45 Duane-street.

The jury will meet at the Coroner's office at 9 o'clock on the morning of Wednesday next, and the inquest will be immediately begun in one of the rooms of the Court-house or City Hall, which can be secured, and in of sufficient size to accommodate the numbers who are expected to desire to be present at the investigation. Fifty witnesses have already been summoned by subpœnas issued by Coroner KEENAN, and served by Capt. ULMAN, of the First Precinct, but it is expected that many others will be called upon to testify.

THE TESTIMONY BEFORE THE STEAM-BOAT INSPECTORS.

Yesterday morning the Steam-boat Inspectors of the Second District convened at No. 29 Pine-street, as a Court of Inquiry, to investigate the circumstances attending the explosion of the boiler of the *Westfield*. The presiding officer was Mr. INCREASE S. HILL, the local Inspector at Boston, who had been telegraphed for by Capt. LOW, the Supervising Inspector of the district, to conduct the investigation. Mr. HILL is one of the oldest Inspectors in the service, has a clear head, and thoroughly understands his business, as was apparent from his questions. He was assisted by Mr. BOOLE, Inspector of Hulls in this district, and though Mr. BELKNAP did not take an active part, yet he occupies a general supervision over the investigation. The testimony was as follows:

EVIDENCE OF INSPECTOR MATHEWS.

JOHN K. MATHEWS, inspector of boilers for this district, was sworn. He testified that he thoroughly examined and tested the boiler of the ferry-boat *Westfield* on the 13th of June, and found no flaw or weakness in it. He believed that the boiler was constructed at the same time as the boat, in 1862. At the time of giving his certificate he had not the slightest misgiving that the boiler was not perfectly safe, and he would have been perfectly willing to have traveled on the boat containing it. In testing the boiler he used the gauge belonging to the boat, which he had every reason to believe was perfectly correct. The boiler had a locked safety-valve, loaded to a pressure of twenty-seven pounds. The weight on the regular safety-valve was such that it would not allow a pressure of over twenty-five pounds. The locked safety-valve was of the kind known as the "America" valve. The witness did not have a high opinion of any kind of lock-up valve. The "America" valve could not be raised by the strength of one man unless there was a pressure of steam underneath, and he therefore did not try to lift it. It might not be raised by an upward pressure of twenty-seven pounds to the square inch. The area of the valve was seven square inches. The valve leaked a little, and that satisfied him that it would work freely. A hydrostatic pressure of thirty-four pounds to the square inch was applied, as was indicated by the gauge. The boiler was ten feet in diameter. The iron was of fair thickness, the shell being about a quarter of an inch thick. The witness had never known an ordinary "working" valve to "stick" and not work freely. The valve of the *Westfield's* boiler had an area of thirty-eight inches. It was possible that the engineer might have had more steam on than I allowed him. If he had removed the weight on the lever of the regular valve beyond twenty-five pounds, the Government valve would not have relieved the boiler. I would not have felt in imminent danger if I had found the pressure to be twenty-five pounds. The water-bottom in the first thing that generally gives out when the furnaces and steam chimney. This boiler had been since last Fall instead of water-bottom. I do not know anything about the staying character of the boiler at that time. It was repaired in the usual manner for boilers of that class. The repairs charged were the same distance from centre to centre. This boiler did not break there; it broke in the cylindrical part of the shell, all the way around circularly. I don't know where the fracture commenced. I don't know that shape is most likely to break at the bottom; the bottom could not have been from the inside as well as from the top, if you couldn't see the inside, as the lines were in the way; the outside of the bottom showed no leak or tear; we had no more reliable test than the hydrostatic; there were some patches over the seams on the bottom, soft patching; from my experience I don't be considered by inspectors the best way of securing seamer when they appear to be weak; I have known a steam-boat owner to do so when they were new, to guard against leak, in that spot most liable to leak. I have put screwing over the box flanges of the steam-pipe when they were new, to prevent that flanging cutting away by the sale vessel with which the same were by wet; the difference in the temperature between bottom and top, while under the present pressure of steam I could not say; the unequal expansion caused by it might have had a bad effect on the bottom of the shell, because that portion is heated longer; the rivets, rigidity, the motion of the heated air passing through the flues causes unequal expansion, but I don't think it had anything to do with causing this explosion.

Mr. L. B. BOOLE also examined Mr. MATHEWS—I served thirty-five years as engineer, and an apprenticeship with Mr. ALLAIRE, of this city; 5 years in the naval service; had charge of steamship between here and Europe nine years; Pacific Mail Steam-ship line six years; on rivers and on the lake also; I have never had an accident to injure anybody during that time; have been an Inspector five years; the boiler was made in 1862.

EVIDENCE OF MR. JACOB H. VANDERBILT.

Mr. JACOB H. VANDERBILT was then called. He testified that he was President of the Staten Island Railroad Company, including the ferry. We have three boats—*Northfield*, *Westfield*, and *Middletown*—two on the line in regular order; one relieves the other; there is no difference in the appointments of each; the *Westfield* was always the *Northfield* boat, and the *Middletown* now runs on the *Westfield's* route; the *Middletown* went out to run the afternoon; the *Westfield* had run all day, and was leaving a little before the time, when the *Northfield* was in sight; that is why she was out of her time; the pilot was in the bow, and the captain in pilot-house on dock-end of the ship; they were just in the act of starting when the explosion happened; we could not tell how many people were on her; HENRY ROBINSON has been with me seven years, or since I bought the line; he had two firemen to help him; the engineer's duty is to pull the fires on and off the handle of the cock coming into the engine-room, and is under his control; the fireman's duty is to take care of the fires and report the gauge of water in the engine-room; the way of securing seamer when they appear to be weak; I have known a steam-boat owner to do so when they were new, to guard against leak, in that spot most liable to leak; I have put screwing over the box flanges of the steam-pipe when they were new, to prevent that flanging cutting away by the sale vessel with which the same were by wet; the difference in the temperature between bottom and top, while under the present pressure of steam I could not say; the unequal expansion caused by it might have had a bad effect on the bottom of the shell, because that portion is heated longer; the rivets, rigidity, the motion of the heated air passing through the flues causes unequal expansion, but I don't think it had anything to do with causing this explosion.

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